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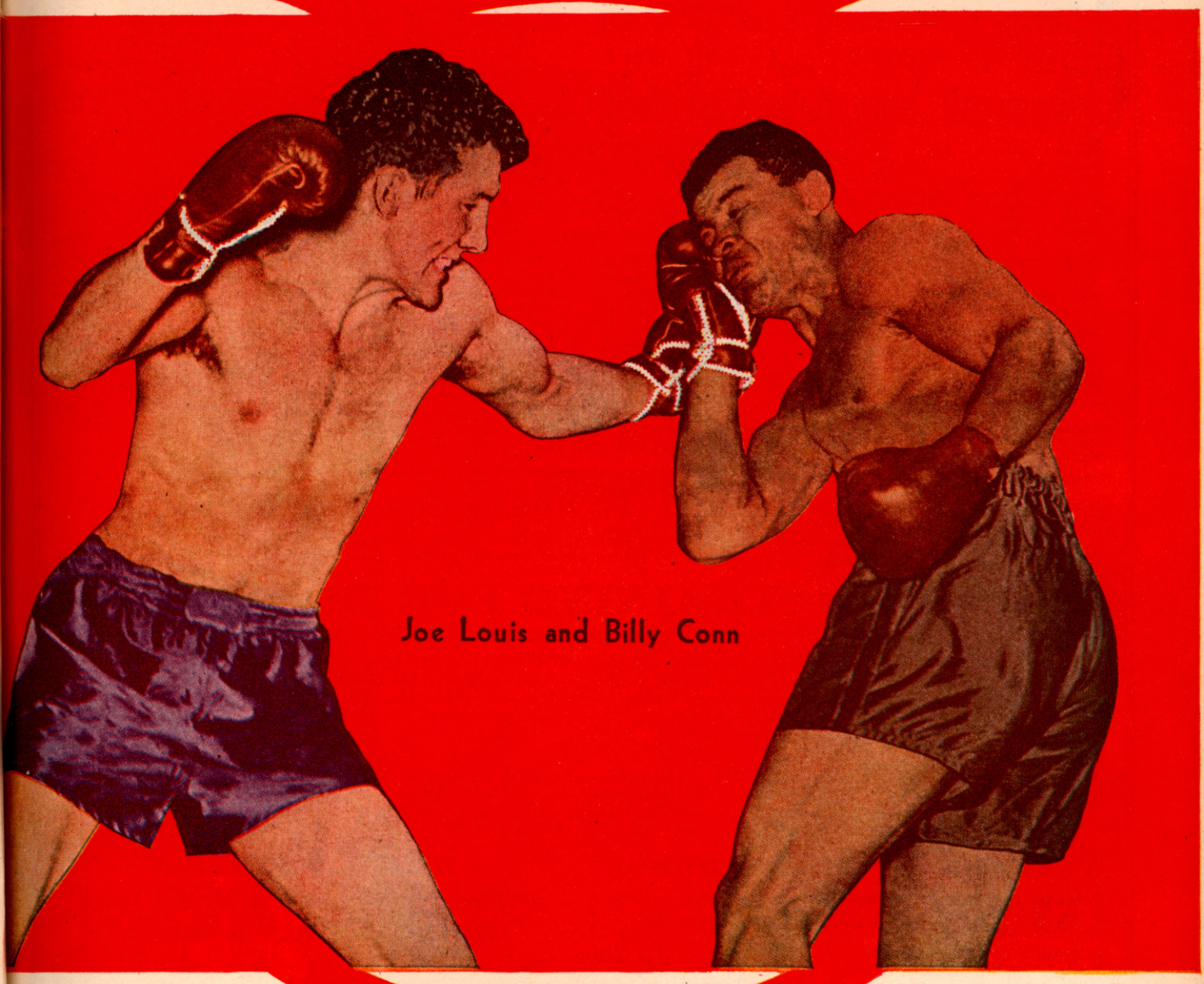

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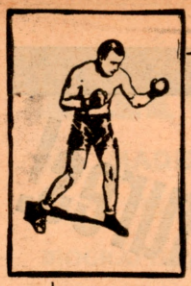

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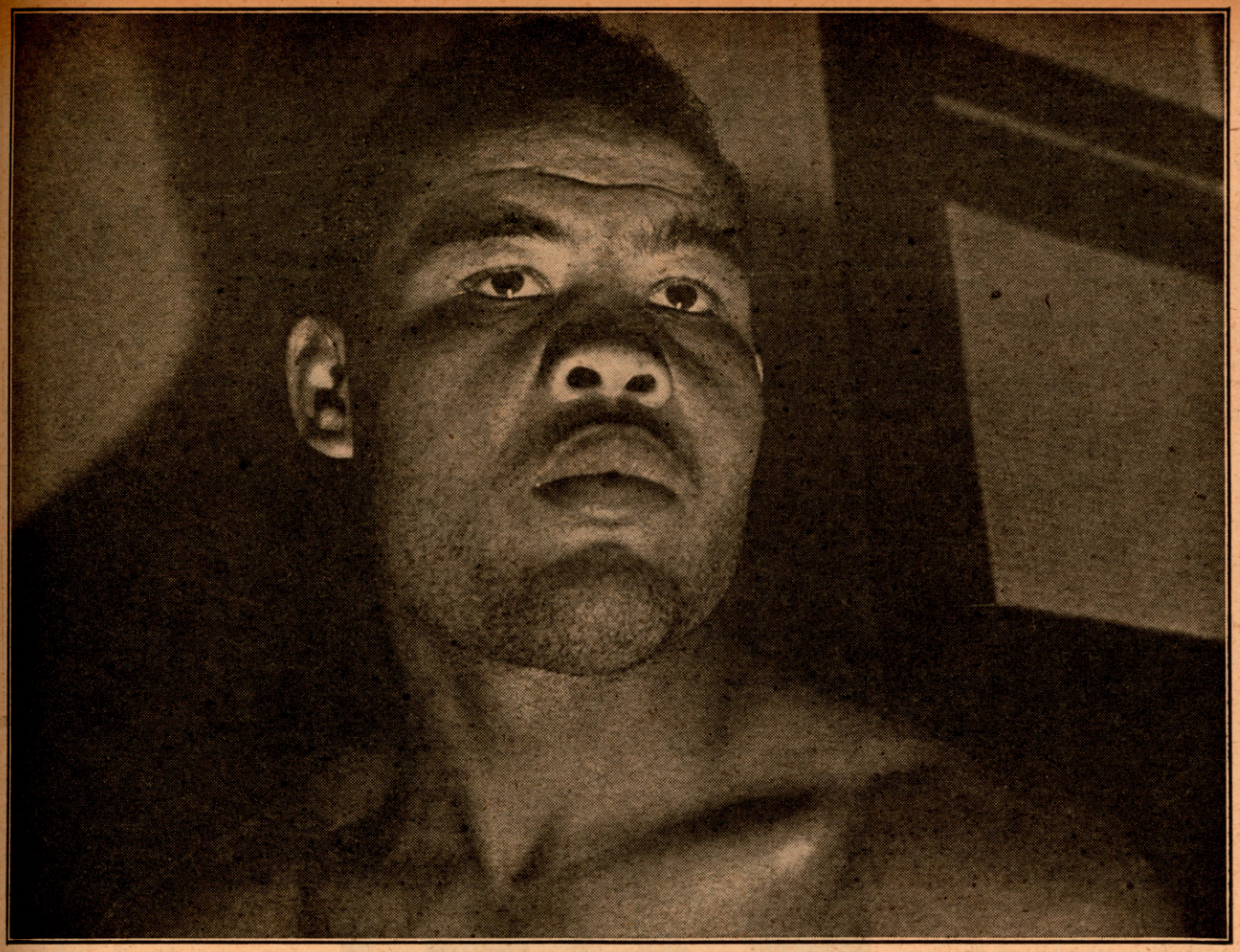


Joe Louis, still the heavyweight king.

Louis Again Kayoes Conn

By NAT FLEISCHER

"THE winner and still the world's heavyweight champion!" Those words coming from the lips of Announcer Harry Balogh, across an international hookup, brought the news that Joe Louis, defending titleholder, successfully carried out his mission in the return engagement with Billy Conn at the Yankee Stadium.

Before a gathering of 45,266 fans who paid $1,925,564, the second largest amount ever grossed in boxing, the Brown Bomber came through as he had promised, via the knockout route, by landing the haymaker on his Pittsburgh challenger in 2:19 of the eighth round. A barrage that followed a very tame contest up to this period, took Billy by surprise and battered him into submission in the most active round of the fight.

Up to this period, Billy had been dancing around the champion in an effort to tire him and followed the procedure he had outlined in his training camp. He circled his man and only occasionally did he attempt to exchange blows, most of his efforts being flicking jabs, many of which were caught in the glove of the champion or were knocked down by Louis as he came in to meet the attack.

In the fatal eighth, Joe jarred Conn several times before a powerful left and right caught Billy on the left eye and opened a deep cut. With the claret flowing freely, Louis saw the opening he was seeking and followed up his advantage.

He let loose a powerful right to the body as Billy tried to back away. Then came a left to the eye, a right to the body and another jarring left that was the start of Billy's defeat. A short right to the jaw followed, then came a hard left to the bridge of the nose that split that section and down went Conn as Louis followed this with a terrific right to the jaw.

The challenger landed flat on his back and lay helpless as the count proceeded. At six he began to raise his body but he could not gather enough strength to meet the emergency and was counted out. Thus ended Billy's second attempt to win the crown from the man who has successfully defended his championship laurels for the twenty-second time and has held the crown since June 22, 1937, when he defeated Jimmy Braddock.

By his victory Joe Louis again proved that he stands alone among the heavyweights. There is none to challenge his supremacy even though he has slowed up.

As was predicted, the fight failed to bring forth any thrilling moments, with two exceptions. The final round and the sixth round. Conn's determination to tire his man by circling him and forcing Joe to do all the leading didn't succeed because of the champion's aggressiveness. Louis did practically all of the leading. He kept after his man and tried his utmost to corner him. This he did on three occasions when he landed several solid wallops and on two others, he missed his blows because of his eagerness to connect.

The first round was extremely tame with scarcely any action whatsoever. Billy gained the third round, but failed to win another session on my scorecard. Louis' best rounds up to the time of the knockout were the fourth and the sixth. In the sixth Billy slipped to his right knee while retreating from Joe's attack and the champ stepped back to give Conn a chance to regain his feet.

In the fourth round Conn slipped but did not reach the canvas. In that session Louis' execution was much better than in any of the previous three.

On points my scorecard gave Louis a total of ten points to one for the challenger.

With Conn out of the way there is no challenger worthy of the name to oppose him and it would not be surprising if Louis would retire for at least one year to give someone an opportunity to come to the front. The field at present is the worst in years.

LITTLE THINGS BUILD JOE LOUIS LEGEND

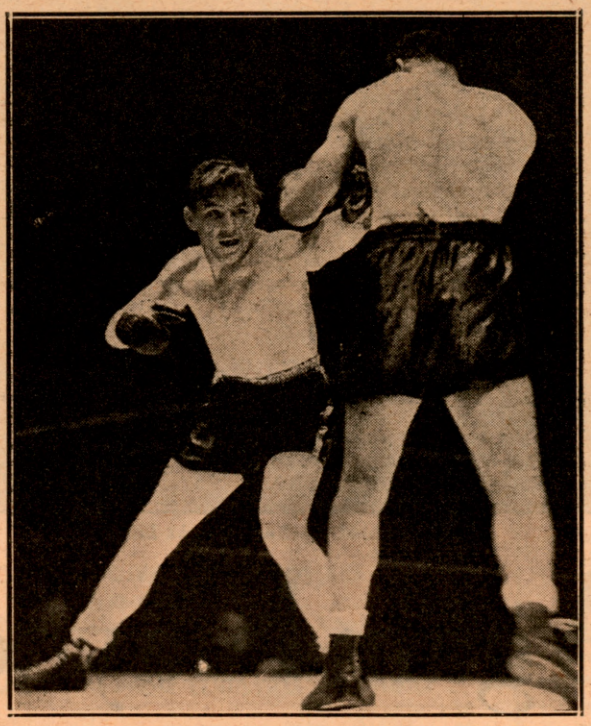
They'll Be Talking About These Stories of the Brown Bomber as They Now Recall Incidents Concerning John L. Sullivan

By SID FEDER

JUST three days short of nine years from the night he came off the floor to knock out gallant old Jim Braddock and become the 16th heavyweight champion since bare knuckle days, Joe Louis stepped into the ring against Billy Conn in one of the most brilliant reigns in the history of the ring.

A title career they won't forget in a hurry. For years, when the Bash Boulevardiers gather 'round to cut up touches they'll be recollecting the big and the little things about it, as they recall incidents about John L. Sullivan.

The big things—like the 22 straight title defenses, double the total of any other king of the ring; a reign longer than any other champion; seven title defenses attracting gates and crowds among the top 32 in all boxing history; seven defenses in one year; only two challengers going the route and the average distance all of them lasted was 6.5 rounds; floored himself only twice—by Tony Galento and Buddy Baer.



A scene in the Louis-Farr battle, his longest battle, a contest that went fifteen rounds.

Opponents of all styles and shapes and sizes, all over the country—New York to Los Angeles, Boston to St. Louis. Twenty-two times favorite, anywhere from the 5 to 9 they quoted him over Max Schmeling in their second fight, up to the 1 to 20—and no takers—against Harry Thomas, Al McCoy and Tony Musto.

But the little things make the Louis reign all the more interesting. And it will be these little things they'll be remembering and telling the tales about down through the years when someone pops up with, "Well, I remember the night Joe fought so-and-so . . . there we were. . . ."

* * *

THERE were one or more of these anecdotes connected with every one of the Bomber's battles. They happened in or out of the ring as the case might have been. There was the night he met Tommy Farr in his first title defense, two months after he won the championship. Tommy went the full 15-round derby route that night, but what the boys remember mostly about it was the ominous "crack" that sounded over ringside when Louis lashed out with his first left and shattered Tommy's nose with it.

And there was the night Joe journeyed to California to put large Jack Roper to sleep in a couple of minutes. Jack got on the radio after it was over and his statement is the large remembrance from that fight.

"I guess," guessed big Jack, "I zigged when I shoulda zagged."

Those are the things that will make up the Louis legend, from the frolic with Farr, the only man (who wasn't flattened later) ever to go the full route with Joe, down to the last two outings before he hung up his gloves for the duration. That was when he made the greatest gesture by a champion in any sport—fighting for army and navy relief with no pay other than his expenses.

After Farr, there was Natie Mann in Madison Square Garden, the first indoor title defense since Dempsey and Brennan put on their bloody Pier-6er in the old Garden in '24. Then there was Harry Thomas. You remember how Louis' stool appeared in his corner before the bell ending one round, and no one was sure how it got there. At least no one admitted he was sure.

It was the Thomas fight, in Chicago, which was re-broadcast into Madison Square Garden during another fight there—between Fred Apostoli and Glen Lee. That was a pretty fair country clouting party, too, but no one paid much attention to Fred and Glen that night.

* * *

AGAINST Schmeling in his next trip to the post, Joe reached his ferocious high. Here was the only man who had ever beaten him, and a died-in-the-wool German, to boot, back there in 1938 when the Nazis were already making their disagreeable headlines. There was the punch in the back and the squeal from Max, and the towel sailing into the ring. Referee Arthur Donovan carefully picked it up and hung it over a rope while letting the slaughter continue.

That was the little thing you carried away from that one—that and the fact it was all over in 2 minutes, 4 seconds—the second fastest title knockout on record—only Tommy Burns' kayo of Jem Roche in 1:28 of the first round excelling.

John Henry Lewis came next. It was 1939 now, and someone asked Joe if he'd carry John Henry, because they were pals. "He's my pal, all right," Joe confessed, "so I'll put him away early—make it quick for him, 'cause that'll be easier." That one went 2:09.

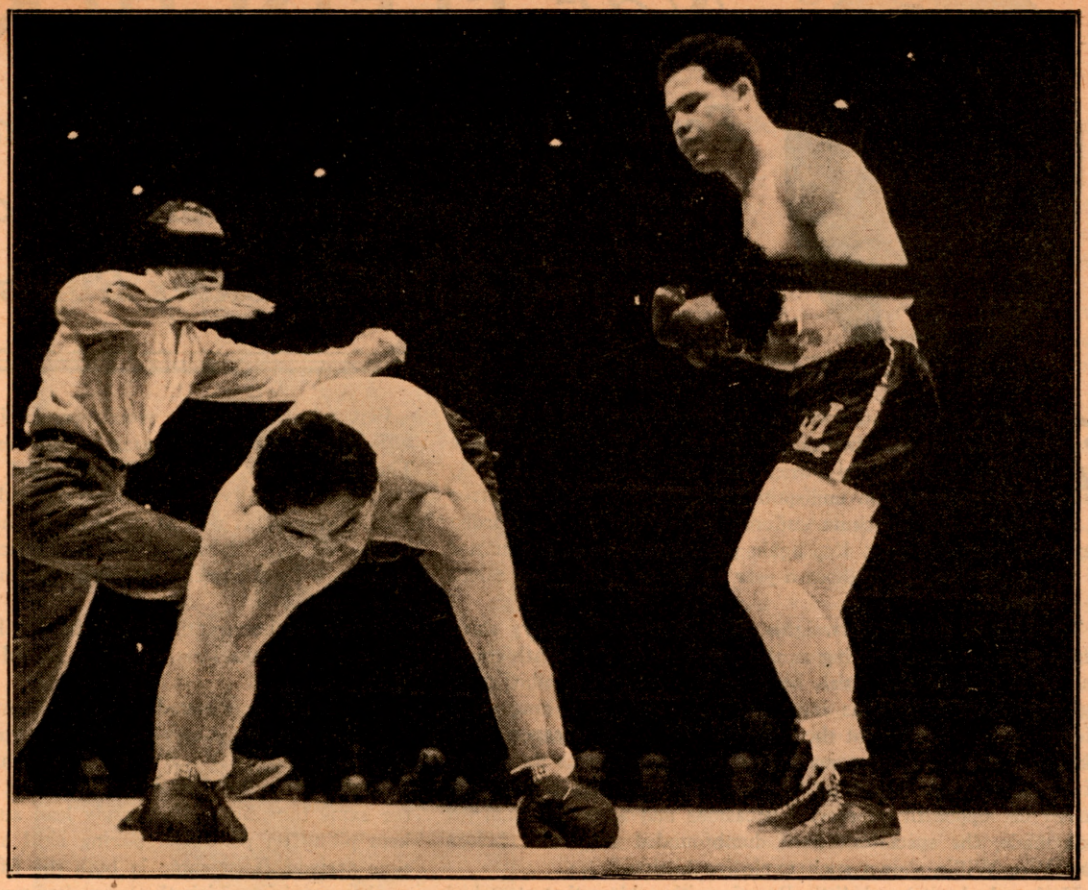
The whole country wanted to see Joe now, so he went out to California. Co-promoter with Mike Jacobs on that one was Tom Gallery. Tom now is one of Larry MacPhail's first or second lieutenants with the New York Yankees.

After Roper it was Tony Galento, and the beer-barrel-who-walks made it one of the great fights. He rushed out and threw that ball-bat left hand at Joe and caught him flush on the chin. Joe went wobbling back across the ring, was stopped only by

the ropes across his shoulders. Two-ton came charging in, that left cocked. It missed the "button" by a couple of inches only because Tony was traveling too fast and couldn't take careful aim.

That was the memento from that bout. It wasn't so much that Joe came back to floor Tony in the second and was floored himself in the third—and as Louis hit the deck, a ringsider jumped up and moaned, "Say it isn't so!" Nor was it so much that in the fourth, the Bomber reached his peak as an executioner, and every time he hit Tony, a new gash opened up!

The little thing they'll remember and talk about down through the years was just what might have happened if Galento had connected solidly and squarely with that second left hand haymaker in the first minute of the first round.



The end of the shortest battle in Joe Louis' career—the second fight with Max Schmeling in which the German was knocked out in 2:04 of the first round.

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BOB PASTOR made a slight mistake a couple of months later in Detroit. He'd gone ten rounds two years before by climbing on his bicycle. This time, he walked out and tried to slug with Joe from the opening bell. He was on the floor four times in the first round. Jimmy Johnston, his manager, had suffered a heart attack and a few days before, his doctor had given him some pills to take.

"Now, I'm warning you, Jimmy," he cautioned, "you mustn't work in the corner that night, and you must take things easy. And above all, you must always keep these pills handy so you can get to them in a hurry. Always be sure they're with you and you know where they are."

When Pastor hit the deck for the fourth time, it was obvious Jimmy was going to forget all about not exciting himself and was going to get into that corner. The excitement, however, got Jimmy's doctor, who was sitting in the first row. He leaned forward, pale, and tapped Johnston on the shoulder.

"Those pills, Jim," he gasped. "Give me one of them in a hurry. I don't feel well and I need one."

"Oh, them," Jimmy tossed off, without even taking his eyes from the ring. "I don't exactly know where they are. I think I left them back on my bureau in the hotel."

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CAME 1940 and Arturo Godoy, who used his nose for a rudder on the ring floor in what was probably the most unorthodox performance ever put on in a title fight. Joe didn't get a look at anything but the top of the Chilean's head for 15 rounds—and Arturo went the limit. That night the only official's vote ever cast against Louis as champion was turned in, to the astonishment of practically everyone.

Johnny Paychek was the most scared opponent of all who tangled with the Bomber. You remember he came down to ringside between Benny Leonard and Ray Arcel, and he looked for all the world like a man walking the last mile. There was the lead Caswell Adams wrote in his New York *Herald Tribune* story of the fight that night, a line that hit the imagination:

"Did you ever see a dream walking? Well, I did—in Madison Square Garden tonight."

Godoy came in for his repeat performance that summer of 1940 and was stopped in eight, because he peeked out from under that crab-like defense just once, and Joe pulled the string on his high hard one. Godoy didn't like it when Donovan stopped the fight. He raced over to Joe's corner and wanted to start slugging again. Joe calmly turned his back, started through the ropes, and motioned his trainer, Jack Blackburn, to take care of Godoy. Jack was willing, too, only they grabbed Godoy and quieted him.

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NOW came the bum-of-the-month tour—six bouts in as many cities in as many months.

Al McCoy, in Boston, retired with a closed eye in the sixth.

Red Burman, in New York, was flattened with a body punch in five, and it was the only time Joe ever put a challenger away with a shot to the breadbasket.

Gus Dorazio, in Philadelphia, threw a few weak ones in the first round, then Joe let go the big one just once in the second, and it was all over.

Giant Abe Simon, in Detroit, was knocked down in the first round and sat there, his legs outstretched, his gloves extended in front of him, the thumbs pointing up toward the ceiling, a grin on his face.

Later he explained why:

"It was the first time in my life I'd ever been knocked down cleanly. And when I lit on the seat of my panties, the thought struck me, 'Abe, what a funny looking sight a big hulk like you must be to those people sitting out there.'"

Abe got up, though, and went 13 rounds. His corner was probably the most confused ever. As he lasted round after round, Big Abe got a lot of supporters among the fans. Some felt so keenly about it they climbed up into the corner between rounds to help, and before long the corner

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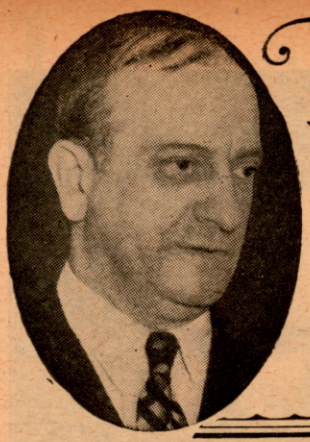


Nat FLEISCHER says:

Featherweight Confusion Is Ended

Pep Is the International Champion

N.B.A. to Consider Rules Revision

THE world featherweight championship which for several years has had two men designated as the holder, Willie Pep, the rightful owner, and Sal Bartolo, the N.B.A. king, is now in undisputed possession of Pep by virtue of a twelve-round knockout suffered by Bartolo in the Garden battle between this pair. Pep again proved that he is the master of the featherweights, without a peer so far as present day talent is concerned.

The king of the featherweights, after a rather ordinary start, began to show clever boxing as the men entered the eighth round and from then to the finish he gave a masterful exhibition of fighting qualities such as have not been seen in a ring since Henry Armstrong was at the height of his glorious career. Unlike his previous performances when boxing skill was the extent of his exhibition, this time he displayed punching power that jarred his opponent on several occasions and when the final hit was made, the spectators were dumbfounded for never before had Wee Willie shown such explosive hitting.

He knocked out tough little Bartolo with a blow that stretched his rival cold on the canvas to be counted out in 2:41 of the twelfth round by Referee Ruby Goldstein. It was a terrific right to the jaw that followed a short right and left hook, both of which carried dynamite.

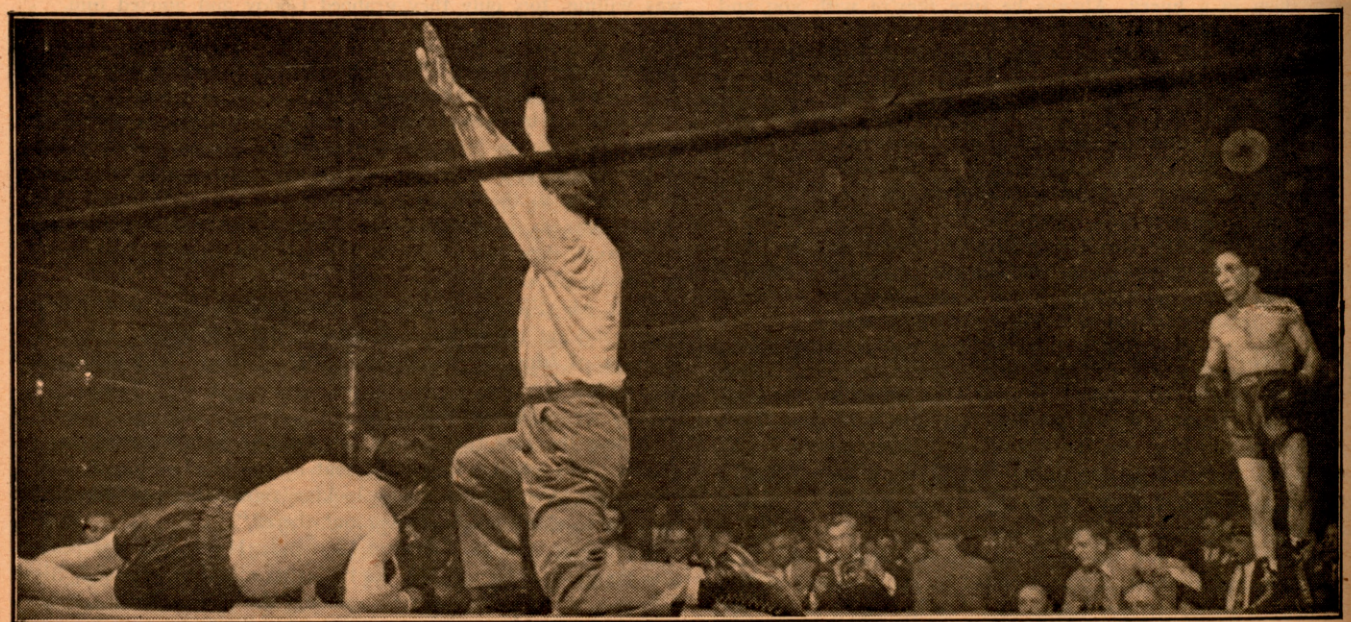
So powerfully had Bartolo been hit in that round and in the eighth, that he had to be removed to the hospital for a broken jaw, sustained, as he says, in the latter session. By winning the fight, Pep settled once and for all the matter of supremacy and sustained the claim of THE RING that he ranked best in his class. Last January he was named by the writer as the fighter of the year and for three years THE RING has been battling his claim for international recognition as world champion. Now that fight is no longer necessary. Our stand on his behalf has been justified.

Pep, as usual, gave a wonderful exhibition of the science of self-defense, a type of boxing the gathering failed to appreciate. They hissed and booed until he started to toss his punches and then those catcalls turned to cheers and he left the arena amid a wild ovation. It was as clean-cut a knockout as has been seen in the Garden. It was almost a duplicate of the knockout of Woodcock by Mauriello. It came suddenly and ended the contest sensationally.

It was the hundredth victory for Willie in 102 fights. He has lost only one and drew in one, a record that stands out in fisticuffs.

During the early rounds, Pep was content to box and counterpunch. He knew he was up against a rugged little opponent and took no chances. He had learned from his two previous meetings with the Bostonian that Bartolo was not to be fooled with, but at the same time he took an early lead and never was headed. He kept piling up points on boxing skill alone until the opportune time arrived. That came in both the fifth and the eighth, prior to the round in which the haymaker was landed.

In those sessions he rolled up a big margin by pounding at his opponent and outboxing him. He handed his man a steady battering, weakened him considerably and seemed to break down the resistance of the N.B.A. king until he could let go with all he had to end the bout. In the fatal session two long lefts started the ball rolling for Pep. Then, like a flash, as Bartolo dropped his guard, came a right flush on the jaw. It carried the weight of the body behind it and landed with such telling effect that Sal crumpled to the canvas. Bartolo managed to get partially up but at the count of seven he caved in, rolled over on his face and remained that way to the finish. Pep was the master throughout and by his kayo victory, and his past performances, takes his place with the great feathers of the past. He has every asset of a first



Sal Bartolo attempts to get to his feet following a kayo wallop to the jaw landed by Willie Pep in the twelfth round of their world featherweight championship bout in the Garden. Here we see Referee Ruby Goldstein signifying the end of the battle.

class fighter. He scaled 126 to 125¼ for Bartolo.

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ABE J. GREENE, president of the National Boxing Association, has asked his organization to take up the question of "technical knockouts" at the next annual meeting of that body. He wants his colleagues to determine "when a knockout is not a knockout."

In the N.B.A.'s convention on September 8, the various state officials will be asked to consider this matter. For their benefit, Abe Greene has drawn up data which he will present for an open discussion. Here is what the N.B.A. president thinks about the present method of recording a bout:

"A technical knockout should be clearly defined, and we should afford some protection to a fellow who is out in front on points and blows the duke because of some incident that is no fault of his own—such as a badly cut eye.

"If a fighter is counted out, that is one thing. It means that he was unable to arise within the ten-second time limit.

"But there certainly is a vast difference between that kind of a knockout and a fighter cut in a late round after he has been winning all the way.

"There is a difference, too, between a winning fighter losing on an accident, such as an aforementioned cut, and a bout being stopped because one man has been so badly beaten that the only humane thing to do is stop it.

"A knocked out fighter or a badly beaten fighter has failed. A fighter who suffers a cut, perhaps from a head butt or elbow, is penalized now into a defeat although he might be from here to Mexico in front and the injury was purely an accident."

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I DISAGREE with Abe Greene and others who side with him in distinguishing between a knockout in which a fighter is counted out by the referee and a knockout in which the bout is halted by the referee. When the rules of boxing were made, a knockout was listed as a lapse of time in a bout during which one of the contestants was knocked out of time and was unable to continue.

In those days a referee never halted a bout. The men involved in a fight were supposedly in such condition as to be able to protect themselves at all times and when this was no longer possible, the affair ended, but not because the third man in the ring decided to be sympathetic and save the badly beaten battler from further punishment, but because that fighter of his own accord quit or his seconds tossed in the sponge.

Now let us examine the ways in which a fight can end today:

1. A referee may halt a contest in which the action is one-sided.
2. A referee can stop the fight if one of the contestants is in extremely poor physical condition and is in danger.
3. If one contestant has a bad injury.
4. If a fighter has been intentionally fouled. (In states where the no-foul rule is in effect.)
5. If a fighter fails to heed warnings of the third man in the ring.
6. If a fighter goes down without being struck.
7. If either fighter is not putting forth his best efforts, in which case the bout may be given to the other or if both contestants are guilty, then the fight is called "no contest."

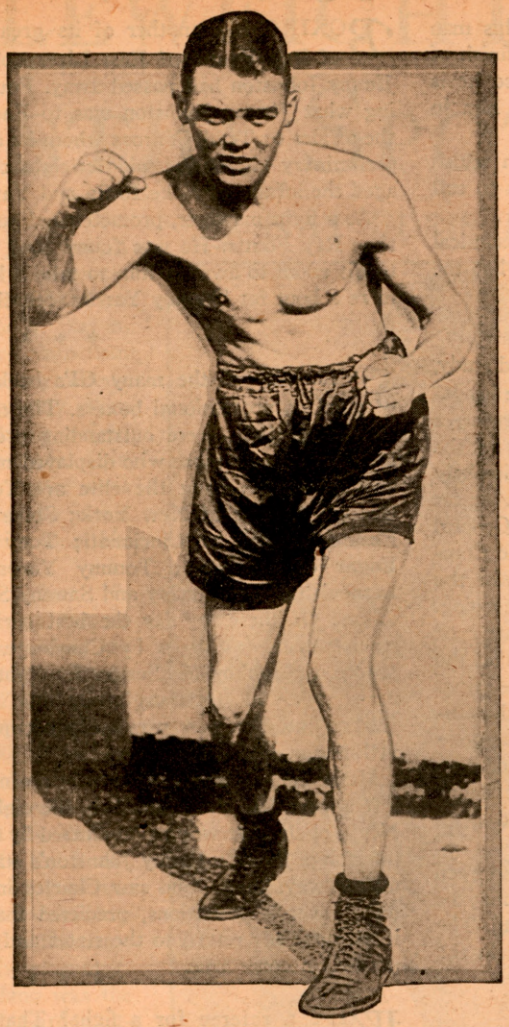
In all but one of the above, the fact remains that one of the fighters is unable to continue and under the rules of boxing he is out of time and therefore loses by a knockout except when disqualified.

A boxer when he enters the ring, supposedly is in excellent trim for the task ahead of him. He also should be in a position to take proper care of himself to avoid cuts that unfortunately end the bout. It is just too bad for him if he is leading on points and rounds, and suffers a cut, but such are the fortunes of boxing and he must take the consequences.

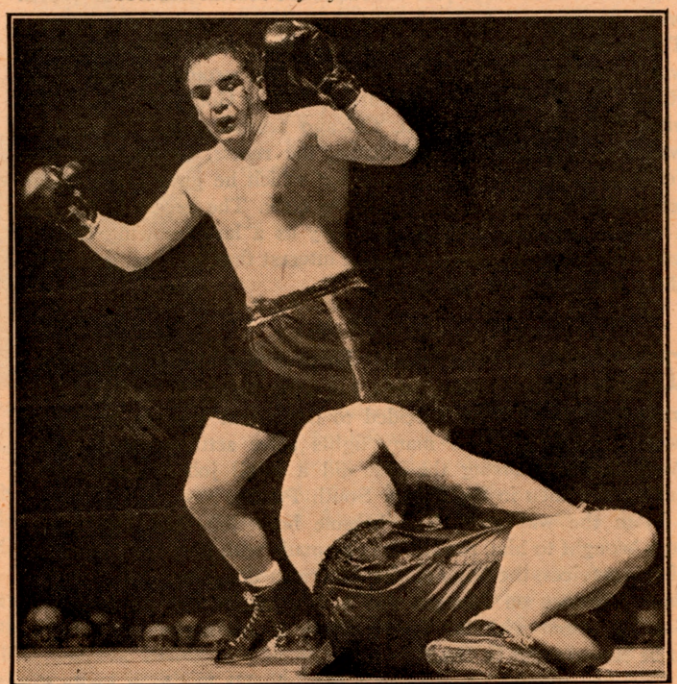
How often have our readers seen a fighter battered into dreamland from which he couldn't regain control of his senses even if the third man in the ring counted 100, yet when the count of seven or eight had been reached the referee waved his hand as a signal that he had halted the bout.

Why such asinine action on the arbiter's part! Could the extra few seconds of counting have affected the condition of the beaten boxer? Certainly not. Yet a fighter who under such conditions has scored a clean cut knockout is often deprived of his justly earned kayo victory through the ridiculous actions of a referee who violates the rules of boxing by halting the count.

Therefore it is obvious that the system works both ways. In the first instance where a fight is halted because of an injury, and the victor is credited with a knockout in the records, the claim is made that an injustice is done to the sufferer of the injury because he had to quit not because of his helplessness, but because of that injury.



Tod Morgan, former junior lightweight champion who has returned to America after making Australia his home for many years.



A scene in the battle between Tami Mauriello and Bruce Woodcock when the latter made his American debut in Madison Square Garden. Bruce, the British Empire heavyweight king, put forth an excellent performance, but his veteran opponent had too much on the ball for him. Here we see Bruce on the canvas following a heavy blow to the jaw. Bruce then defeated Freddie Mills.

In the second case, the fighter who has knocked out his man only to have the referee cut the count short before the finish of the doleful decimal, has a legitimate kick coming because he is being deprived of a decision that should mean loads to him in the arrangement of future bouts.

There is only one way to record a halted bout, one in which a fighter is unable to continue for any reason and that is to call it a knockout, for that is exactly what has happened.

I reiterate—there is no such thing in boxing as a "technical knockout." When a fighter cannot continue no matter what the cause, he loses by a knockout.

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THE Connecticut Boxing Commission, after an extended study, decided to give the point system used in that state, the heave-ho. William J. Prince, Commissioner, announced that the referees at a special conference discussed the good and bad points of the point system written about thirty years ago, and unanimously agreed with the commissioner that it has outlived its usefulness and accordingly, a request has been made to the Attorney General for permission to discard it. Under the plan outlined by the Commissioner, the referee will be the sole judge and he will raise the hand of the winner without the aid of arithmetic or bookkeeping.

The correct solution to the scoring of a bout is a matter of opinion. During my forty years in the game, I have found that the New York rule relative to round-by-round scoring with the stipulation that in the event the fight ends in a draw on rounds, the officials have the power to award the contest to the one who has done outstanding work in any one round, is the best. That rule also gives the judges and referee the option of awarding a fight to one who has scored less rounds than his opponent provided such fighter had a big margin in the rounds he won.

Of course New York rules also call upon the officials to keep points so that a fight which ends in a deadlock in rounds may be awarded to the one who has a margin in the point scoring. The New York system, no matter how considered, is the best in the country.

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THE rise of boxing in this country since the world war was concluded continues in evidence by the number of cities heretofore closed to the sport that are now permitting professional pugilism. The latest to join the ranks are Austin and Forth Worth where boxing got back on the map after a lapse of many years. Ten years ago the sport was halted at Fort Worth. The last show was promoted by Dick Griffin, the blind promoter, and Hank Rabun. On that card Jose Andreas, former Golden Gloves champion, defeated Jackie Allen, Chicago featherweight. That show was Fort Worth's last, but during the recess, Griffin, an ardent follower and lover of the sport for which he gave his eyesight, left nothing undone to bring boxing back. The recess lasted just a decade and now Dick is as happy as a lark knowing that he had a huge share in recreating the interest that eventually brought about the lifting of the ban.

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REMEMBER Tod Morgan? He once was holder of the junior lightweight championship, but after losing it, left for Australia back in 1933 and decided to make that country his future home. Tod engaged in many fights after settling down in the Antipodes and during the war did a swell job in entertaining our service men in the far off South Pacific.

With the war over, Tod became homesick. The stories our boys brought to him, the contacts he made with men in all branches of our services, the lingo of the American doughboy—they all had their influence on Morgan and a few weeks ago he landed in San Francisco with his family—back in his native land, happy to be home again in Seattle.

Tod has returned to handle a big job. He has been made the head of the Seattle Boxing Association Sports Club. He spoke highly of the Australians and when asked whether he hoped to send some American fighters to the land he had left, Tod replied:

"No, the taxes are too high. It wouldn't pay anyone to go to Australia now."

BOXING lost another of its great managers in the passing of Ray Foutts of East Liverpool, Ohio, a few weeks after Jimmy Johnston had passed away. Foutts was to Mid-West boxing what Jimmy Johnston was to Eastern boxing. Ray handled the affairs of Teddy Yarosz whom he developed from an ordinary preliminary boy to the middleweight crownholder. He also managed the affairs of Mike Raffa and Yarosz's kid brother, Tommy.

As a fight manager, promoter and publicist, they came no better than Ray Foutts. He was found dead by his wife who had gone to his room to awaken him to take a long distance telephone call in re a bout for Tommy Yarosz. He died from a heart attack.

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SO far few of the many GI's back from service have made good as professional boxers. The majority of those who had hit the spotlight were outstanding pros before they donned the uniform. Among those who displayed much of their old time form and are back among the elite are Tommy Gomez of Florida; Georgie Abrams of New York; Steve Belloise of the same city; Ezzard Charles of Cincinnati; Tony Zale of Indiana; Jimmy Edgar of Michigan; Tommy Yarosz of Pennsylvania; Gus Lesnevich of New Jersey and Sammy Secreet of Cleveland among others. Of these, by far the best performance by a discharged service man was given by Charles when he outclassed Archie Moore, the ranking challenger for light-heavyweight honors, in a ten-rounder at Pittsburgh. By his splendid victory, Charles jumped into the post previously occupied by Moore and is now in line for a title shot.

He not only dumped Moore for a nine count with a tremendous left uppercut to the stomach in the eighth round, but Cincinnati's Negro challenger won as he pleased by outboxing and outpunching the star of the late Jimmy Johnston's stable. He was the aggressor all the way. Those who saw Charles in action overseas where he gave several exhibitions, predicted that he would hit the high mark upon his return to the states and it is gratifying to see that prediction come true.

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WHY a referee for a fight? That query was sent to THE RING Editor following a boxing show in Phoenix, Arizona, in which the official verdict was altered because the fans disagreed with the third man in the ring. It seems that on several occasions unsatisfactory decisions have been rendered and on this occasion, Referee Pete Martin, who under the Arizona law has sole jurisdiction in making the award at the end of a fight, held up the hand of Gabe Peralta, a welter. His decision was hooted and the gathering became unruly. Hisses and boos and even threats against the official were made and in order to pacify the crowd, the boxing commission took a hand and reversed the decision. The commission ruled that Referee Martin didn't judge the fight properly and handed the verdict to Peralta's rival, Fally Villages, in a six-rounder.

Perhaps the referee had erred. Undoubtedly there being such a ringside commotion, the fans were justified in hissing the verdict. But that doesn't justify the action of a boxing commission whose duly appointed third man in the ring, was its representative!

If a referee is incompetent he should be dismissed. Under no circumstances, unless it be through an arithmetical error in counting the points, should a commission decide against its referee in rendering a verdict. The Arizona Commission should see to it in the future that its referee is warned in advance to consult the board as to the accuracy of his judgment before rendering a verdict. Then if the fight fans disagree, the commission should permit the spectators to overrule the third man and the board and following a rising vote, announce the winner as judged by the ringsiders.

There are still a few other means for deciding the winner, but we'll let those go for another time.

Despite the draw verdict in the fight in Detroit between Jake LaMotta and Jimmy Edgar, Jake still rules tops as challenger for the middleweight title. The reports from the scene of action indicate that the New Yorker didn't get what was coming to him. He is a far superior fighter to Jimmy and apparently proved it to all except the officials.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS REGAIN FISTIC SPOTLIGHT

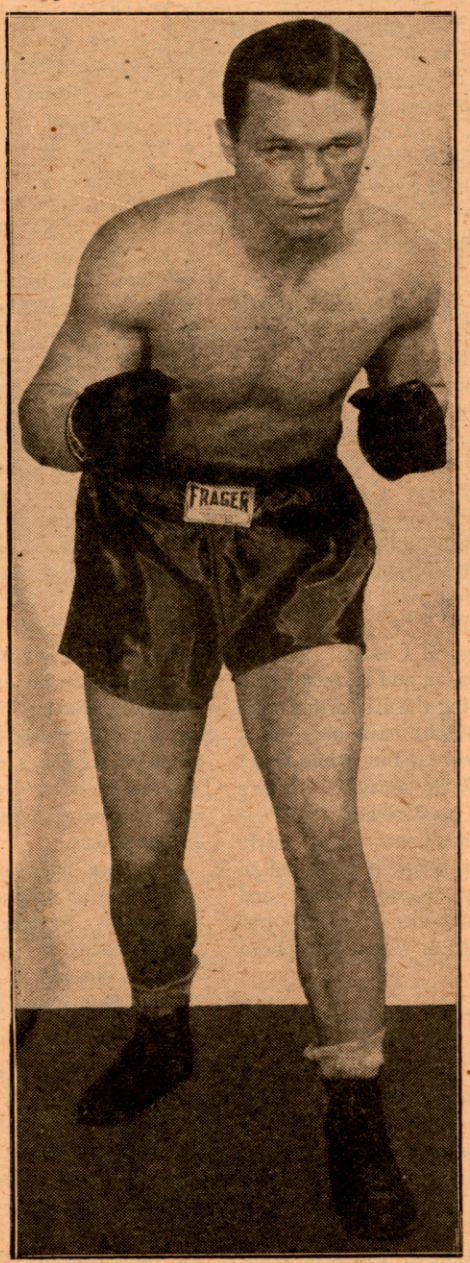
By NAT FLEISCHER

IT'S many a long day since the middleweight division produced a champion of such colorful prowess as to become an object of hero worship by fight fans, Somebody, that is, equipped with the box office magnetism that characterized Jack Dempsey among the big fellows, or more recently Max Baer. Such a fighter is worth his weight in gold. Joe Louis is an example. If a battler possesses the sock, no matter what other assets of a great fighter he lacks, the fight fans will go for him in a big way.

Rocky Graziano is such a fighter. He may never win the world crown, but no matter when and whom he opposes, the crowd is there to see him in action. That's why his battle with Tony Zale for the world middleweight title will gross, according to Mike Jacobs, $700,000 and he won't be far off in that estimate. And it won't be the champion, Zale, who will bring them in at the gate at the Yankee Stadium on July 25. It will be the Rock-a-bye Baby, the "sock-'em" king of the present crop of fighters, the hardest-hitting battler, pound for pound in the game other than Joe Louis. He's the ring magnet of the present era. Graziano was the outstanding Madison Square Garden attraction during 1945.

This year, in his battle with welterweight champion Marty Servo, Rocky broke the record for gate receipts for men below the heavyweight division when he lured a total of 19,182 customers who paid $173,163. This bout would have drawn $400,000 if held outdoors, because several days before the battle every seat was sold, and speculators were garnering as much as $50 for a $20 ringside seat.

Why is Graziano so magnetic a lure at the gate? Well, chiefly because scientific boxing has no place in the Rock-'em-Sock-'em East Side Italian's scheme of things. His is not the style of a Fancy Dan, or even a bobbing and weaving counter fighter. Rocky is a thunderous puncher whose haymakers have been compared to forked lightning and the atomic bomb; and his vicious, slashing, relentless manner of milling evoked comparison of Graziano with the great Stanley Ketchel.



Tony Zale, world champion, who defends his crown against Rocky Graziano at Yankee Stadium on July 25.

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THERE is no denying the fact that since Mickey Walker gave up the middleweight title in 1931, there has been a dearth of really sensational performers in that class. You could always look for a thrill or succession of thrills when Walker was in action. Mickey was one of the Old Guard that carried dynamite in both fists, and could box as well as he could wallop.

Also, his recuperative powers were more than remarkable. He was never whipped so long as he could stand, when he was in his prime. This was never so much in evidence as on the night in 1930 when he fought the hard-hitting Paul Swiderski. The latter dropped Mickey with a solid right to the jaw in the opening frame. Walker was in bad shape when he regained his feet, and Swiderski rushed in to finish him.

Time and again Mickey was floored, but always managed to beat the full count. He was still dazed and shaky in the second and third sessions, and went down repeatedly, only to scramble to his feet and resume hostilities with undaunted spirit. Gradually he recovered, and now it was the rushing Paul who began to tire. Walker kept after him grimly, forced the pace, and the last frame saw Swiderski battered from rope to rope by the smaller man, who was deservedly awarded the decision.

That battle was typical of Walker. In near defeat he put over the thrills as resonantly as when he was winning. During his reign of nearly five years as middleweight champion he cleaned up his division so thoroughly that he was frequently obliged to take on light-heavyweights in order to keep busy. There were no middleweights left who were worthy of his steel when he quit the class.

The reason he gave for resigning the 160-pound title was that he could no longer make the weight. Many of his intimates doubted this assertion, believing that he was chiefly influenced, first by his dislike of severe training, and again because, as he had virtually run out of opponents who could draw a respectable gate with him as a middleweight, there was more financial satisfaction in tackling the big fellows. When he held Jack Sharkey to a draw in fifteen rounds about a month after resigning the middleweight crown, his poundage was only 169½, and he was not finely drawn at that.

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HARKING back to early days, the name of Bob Fitzsimmons naturally presents itself as that of a gladiator who probably furnished more thrills than any of his contemporaries for the edification of the fight fans. But Fitz, after winning the middleweight championship from Nonpareil Jack Dempsey, only defended the title once, when he knocked out Dan Creedon of Australia in two rounds at New Orleans, in 1894.

His victory over Dempsey was achieved at 154 pounds, the then recognized middleweight limit. There were no boxing commissions then to dictate to scrappers, and nobody to protest effectively when Fitzsimmons, unable to scale at 154 pounds any longer, set 158 as the mark at which he would fight thereafter. It was at the latter notch that he won from Creedon.

In the interval of nearly three years between the Dempsey and Creedon contests, Bob acquired fame as a thrill-maker by knocking out opponents right and left in jig-time, two of his victims being Peter Maher and Jim Hall, neither of whom, however,

could scale at middleweight limit. After the Creedon battle, Fitz announced that he was through as regarded the middleweight ranks.

The legend, fostered by some sport-writers, that Fitzsimmons was at the one time holder of both the middleweight and heavyweight championships, had no foundation. It has frequently been asserted that he scaled no more than the present-day middleweight limit when he defeated Corbett. He really scaled a shade over 172 pounds, as against 180 for Corbett.

The late Lou Houseman, prominent Chicago sports editor and fight promoter, acted as Fitzsimmons' timekeeper in the Corbett battle. Later, at Corbett's request, Houseman signed an affidavit to that effect. As Houseman and Fitz were staunch friends, both before and after the New Orleans affair, the Chicagoan's word may surely be taken in settlement of a dispute that even at this late day springs up in fan-discussions about the old-timers.

In a signed statement with The Ring Editor, received from Fitz, he gave his weight as 162 for the fight with Corbett.

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THERE were hectic thrills aplenty in many of Tommy Ryan's battles when he reigned as middleweight champ. Like Walker, Ryan could slug as well as box cleverly, when occasion demanded, as his long record of knockouts administered clearly shows. Among these, his six-round meeting with Kid McCoy at Tattersalls, in Chicago, furnished a sensation that the assembled spectators never forgot.

Everybody knows the story of how Ryan, as a welterweight, was once tricked into making a match with Kid McCoy, where the latter agreed to lie down. Ryan, who then had a poor opinion of McCoy as a fighter anyway, did not train, entered the ring hog-fat, out of condition, and was double-crossed by the astute Kid, who kayoed him in the fifteenth round.

Consequently Tommy was out for revenge at Chicago. He had established his claim as middleweight champion, and trained faithfully for McCoy, with the intention of handing the Kid a thorough beating. McCoy was not as strong as he might have been, as it was a tough task for him to make 158 pounds. But while Ryan fought like a demon in his efforts to put McCoy away, the latter's skill and cunning generalship stood him in good stead.

At the close of the sixth and final round, honors were fairly even. If there was a shade in either man's favor, it belonged to Ryan. But Referee Malachy Hogan calmly stepped forward and declared McCoy winner. A yell of protest arose from the onlookers, the general feeling being that a draw would have been about right under the circumstances.

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AN instant later, the big thrill came. For Ryan, his gloves not yet removed, made a tigerlike spring at Hogan and staggered the surprised referee with a potent sock on the jowl. Hogan was the last man in the world to take a punch without a return. He bore the reputation of being one of the most dangerous rough-and-tumble fighters in the Windy City, and lived up to that hard-earned reputation by tearing into his assailant like a pit-dog loosed from the leash.

The house was in an uproar, several partisans of both men made a rush for the ring, and while peacemakers struggled to break Hogan and Ryan out of a clinch, the police clubs began to swing on the interlopers. The riot was finally quieted down, and Ryan was escorted to his dressing-room by bluecoats, still vowing vengeance on Hogan.

At the time Ryan's friends, for the most part, were at a loss to account for his behavior. The middleweight champion had always been a scrupulously clean fighter who had never been known to transgress ring rules, and attacking a referee for giving a verdict against him seemed altogether foreign to Tommy's usually correct observance of ethics.

As a matter of fact, however, Ryan had some excuse for his outburst of temper. He had signed articles with the proviso that, should the battle last the scheduled limit of six rounds, a draw was to be announced. Referee Hogan protested that he was not aware of such conditions having been arranged. Meanwhile, the news-wires had carried abroad the information that McCoy had beaten Ryan, and bets had been paid accordingly.

It was a nasty mess, which the officials of the Tattersall Club endeavored to clean up to the best of their ability the following morning. They went into conference and finally announced that the referee's decision was reversed, and listed the bout as a draw. And if you look up the records, that's how you'll find it given!

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THERE were thrills galore all through the highly spectacular career of Stanley Ketchel, who succeeded Ryan on the middleweight throne. As a matter of fact, Stanley, before he was known to fame, gave Ryan a thrill of a decidedly unwelcome sort. Ryan, under Jack Curley's supervision, was traveling with a burlesque show, meeting all comers.

The troupe played at Salt Lake City, and Curley busied himself digging up opponents for his star. Among these was Ketchel, with no background save a strictly local reputation. Curley engaged him and Stanley went on with the champion in due course of time. The local boy sailed into Ryan in the hurricane style which afterwards made him famous in the ring, and the champ was obliged to call on all his boxing cleverness and generalship to hold Stanley safe for the four rounds.

Afterwards, in his dressing-room, Ryan complained bitterly to Curley for not exercising more care in selecting antagonists. "I had to fight for my life with that damned kid," said the indignant champ. "Who is he, anyway?"

"I don't know," responded Curley. "Never heard of him before. But I'm guessing that the fight customers will hear lots about him in days to come!"

Jack had the right angle! It was not long after that that Ryan retired, and Stanley Ketchel became middleweight champion by knocking out Jack (Twin) Sullivan in twenty rounds of a scorching battle for the title.

Thrilling in the extreme was the eventful battle between Ketchel and Billy Papke, the Illinois Cyclone, which took place September 7, 1908. Early in this contest Papke landed a punch directly between Ketchel's eyes which virtually closed both optics. There was no such word as "quit" in Ketchel's vocabulary. Blinded and helpless, he struggled valiantly on, so long as he could glimpse his opponent.

His case was hopeless, but referees didn't intervene then so mercifully as they do today in battles where one of the principals is helpless. Stanley stuck it out until the twelfth round, when Papke, easily avoiding the punches Ketchel kept on throwing at random, stepped in and smashed a left hook to the jaw that sent the recipient down for the last time.

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UNLIKE his modern successors in the middleweight ranks, Papke did not rest on his newly-won laurels for the space of a year or so before again risking the title. Ketchel's request for a return match got quick results. In less than three months after he was knocked out, Stanley again faced his conqueror. It was a terrific battle, with odds swinging first to one and then to the other side. But Ketchel's star was in the ascendancy this time, and he finally put Papke to sleep in the eleventh frame.

The spectacular element was present in all of Ketchel's battles. People went to see him fight, confident that they would get a succession of shock-thrills, no matter who his opponent happened to be, nor were they disappointed. Even when he was kayoed by heavyweight champion Jack Johnson, he gave the fight patrons the biggest surprise of their lives by dropping the great Negro boxer with a terrific right to the jaw.

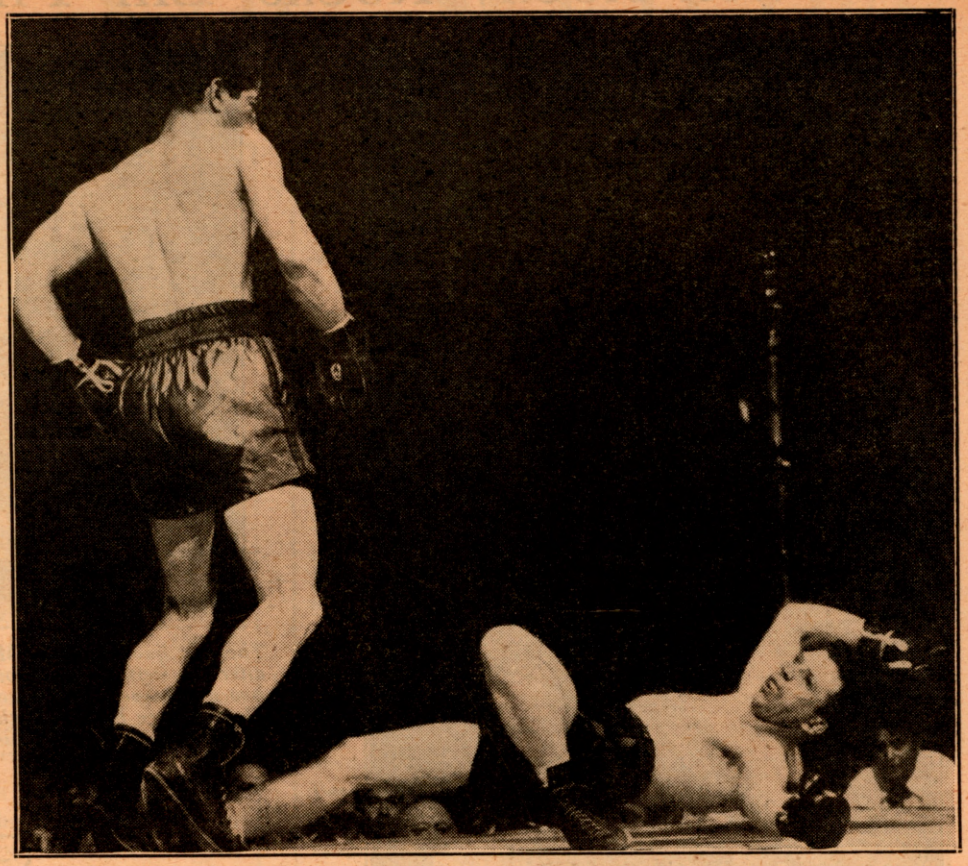
Immediately after that, Johnson rebounded from the floor and sent Stanley to the land of dreams with a devastating right uppercut that caught Ketchel squarely on the mouth and knocked out every front tooth in the middleweight's head. But—the crowd had seen Johnson down, and that was enough thrill to last a long while!

The longest battle in which Stanley Ketchel participated was also one of the most spectacular in his career. That was when he knocked out Joe Thomas in thirty-two rounds on July 4, 1907, at San Francisco. Except for Ketchel, the critics ranked Thomas

as the best middleweight of his day. Joe was a two-handed knocker-out, as well as a boxing scientist of the first water. His first meeting with Ketchel resulted in a twenty-round draw. The second was the thirty-two-round encounter already referred to. In the third essay, Ketchel took a twenty-round decision, and in the fourth kayoed Thomas in the second frame.

The fact of the matter is that Thomas never was quite the same fighter again after undergoing the strain of the thirty-two-round contest. That was one of the most terrific mills ever witnessed by Coast patrons. It was nip-and-tuck between them for nineteen rounds, when Thomas began to fade under the gruelling punishment. Yet he never faltered and even toward the end rallied desperately at intervals, and had Ketchel staggering in turn. The crowd fairly went wild with excitement, and at the finish the gallant loser came in for as great an ovation as did the winner.

Modern scrappers are not compelled to stand such tremendous endurance tests, for which they may well be thankful. After his final knockout by Ketchel in two rounds, Thomas lost to Sailor Burke in twelve rounds and took a kayo at the hands of Hugo Kelly. He won twice from Tommy Crawford and boxed several no-decision bouts in the East, but it was evident that he was through as a topnotcher, and he retired in 1908.



Rocky Graziano, the middleweight who socks 'em and rocks 'em, the latest fistic sensation.

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WHENEVER Ketchel's name is mentioned around New York, old-timers' memories always revert to Stanley's ten-round battle there with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. The big thrill in that eventful carnage came when, after O'Brien had literally cut Ketchel to shreds with slicing left-hand visitations, a sledge-hammer right to the jaw knocked O'Brien senseless just as the bell rang for the conclusion of the final round.

Technically speaking it was not a knockout, as the bout was staged under the no-decision clause, and the battle was over at the very instant when Jack went down. Consequently it lists in the record books as a no-decision fray. Probably no other middleweight in the ring of that time could have remained erect and fought back under the punishment absorbed by Ketchel on that occasion.

Jimmy Johnston, the late fistic impresario of Madison Square Garden, was Stanley's chief second, and even when Ketchel looked his worst and was staggering on the verge of defeat, Johnston never lost hope. He sent Ketchel in again and again with the exhortation to "keep throwing punches," with the result eventually as described.

The crowd got more thrills than they bargained for. Sitting next the writer was Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter. At one stage of the fight, when Ketchel, bloody, groggy, and apparently whipped to a frazzle, still kept rushing, McIntosh shook his head gravely and commented:

"Gawd blimme, this is awful. We'd stop it in Australia!"

Ketchel's gameness was of an extraordinary brand. One might say he was as spectacular in the hours of death as in life. He was assassinated on a ranch at Conway, Mo., by Walter A. Dipley on October 15, 1910.

While Ketchel was sitting at breakfast, Dipley stole up behind him and emptied a load of buckshot into the middleweight champion's back. Despite his terrific injuries, Stanley staggered to his feet and rushed at the killer, only to collapse on the threshold. He died a few hours later on the operating table.

Dipley, whose murderous action was instigated by his paramour, a woman of the underworld who nursed a grudge against the pugilist, was arrested, tried and given a life sentence, while his feminine confederate was sent to the penitentiary for thirty years.

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BILLY PAPKE claimed the middleweight title the year following Ketchel's death, as did Mike Gibbons and Eddie McGoorty.

Papke was generally recognized as champion, however, but lost the title on a foul to Frank Klaus in Paris, March 5, 1913. The middleweights were a real fighting bunch during the reigns of Papke and Klaus and that period is rich in recorded big-thrill battles between men of their division. But a singular situation arose when Frank Klaus surrendered the title to George Chip on a knockout, and Chip was in turn kayoed in one round by Al McCoy.

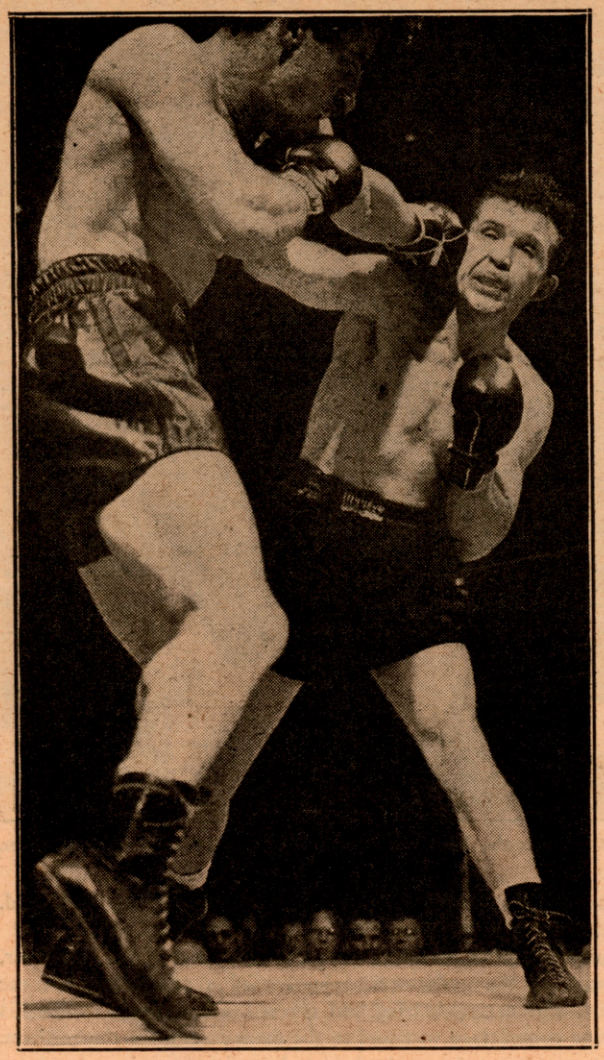
George Chip was a first-class fighting man, boasting a record thickly studded with knockout victories. McCoy, on the contrary, rated as a rather mediocre performer. But he could hit, and he was a southpaw, two facts much in his favor, for southpaws were then a rare quantity in the game pugilistic.

When Chip took him on it was considered a comparatively easy match for the champ. But the fight was barely two minutes old when McCoy, whose style Chip found somewhat baffling, socked George square on the chin for a full count. The onlookers got a thrill all right, but it wasn't the sort they had expected.

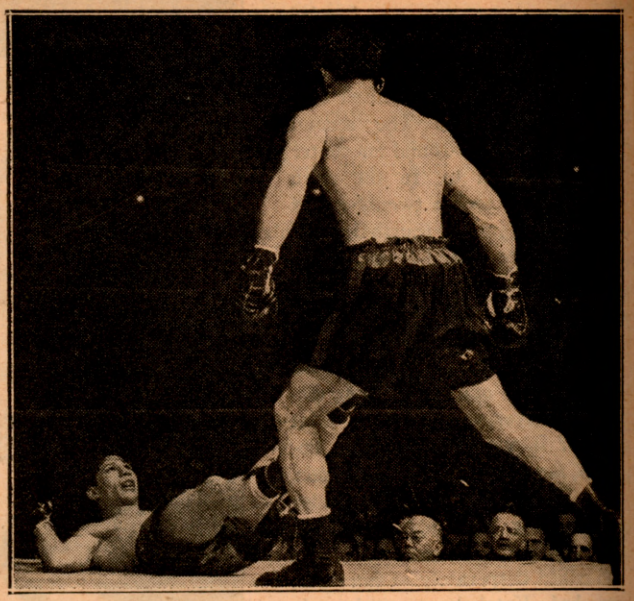
Everybody said it was a fluke. But there was assuredly no disputing the potency of the McCoy punch, and, as time showed, the job of dethroning him was anything save an easy one. If he couldn't knock out an opponent in short order, he could stall around through a ten-round session to its close with clever boxers and sluggers alike. Under the no-decision rule then governing boxing in New York State, it was a cinch for Al to hang on to his championship title.

He fought often and barred nobody, but wanted no fighting environment except that of commu- *(Continued on page 30)*

When Rocky Rocks 'Em They Feel It

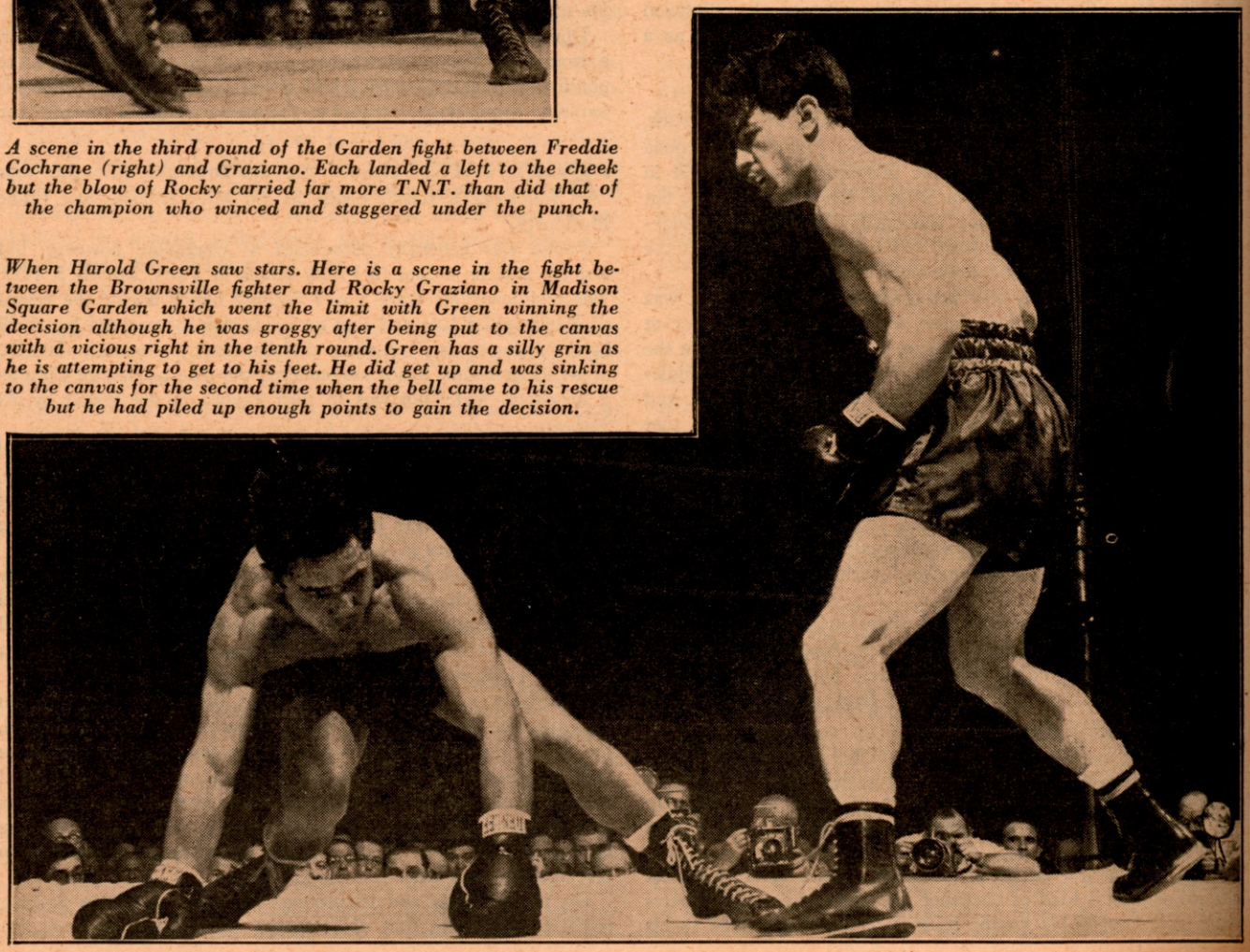


A scene in the third round of the Garden fight between Freddie Cochrane (right) and Graziano. Each landed a left to the cheek but the blow of Rocky carried far more T.N.T. than did that of the champion who winced and staggered under the punch.



The first knockdown of Marty Servo by Rocky Graziano shortly after the start of the second round. The champ took a count of two and leaped to his feet, only to be met by an avalanche of blows before Referee Arthur Donovan could rub the resin from Marty's gloves. Those punches spelled his doom shortly after.

When Harold Green saw stars. Here is a scene in the fight between the Brownsville fighter and Rocky Graziano in Madison Square Garden which went the limit with Green winning the decision although he was groggy after being put to the canvas with a vicious right in the tenth round. Green has a silly grin as he is attempting to get to his feet. He did get up and was sinking to the canvas for the second time when the bell came to his rescue but he had piled up enough points to gain the decision.



THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES

TONY ZALE

DESPITE the fact that he is world's middleweight champion, Tony Zale seems to be the forgotten man of Fistiana . . . He will definitely rank as an underdog in his title defense against his young, strong challenger, Rocky Graziano, whom he meets at the Yankee Stadium on July 25 . . . Like Joe Louis, Tony is also 32 years old and will be trying to resume boxing against topnotchers after a four-year layoff . . .

Zale enlisted in the Navy shortly after his great twelve-round showing against Billy Conn in Madison Square Garden . . . He was a physical instructor and did a grand boosting job for the boxing game wherever he served . . . New York fight fans have seen Zale in action only four times, although Tony has been boxing professionally since 1934 . . . Tony first showed here in an Intercity Golden Gloves Tourney, twelve years ago, losing to Melio Bettina in a great Garden bout . . . Local boxing addicts put their stamp of approval on the ex-steel worker after the workmanlike job he turned in by trouncing Georgie Abrams to win undisputed recognition as middleweight champion . . . Zale won N.B.A. recognition when he knocked out Al Hostak in thirteen rounds in 1940 . . .

His fight with Billy Conn was most commendable in view of the fact that he faced the Pittsburgh Irishman shortly after Conn had fought his great fight with Joe Louis on June 18, 1941 . . . Billy had to go all out to win despite the fact that he towered over the five-foot, eight-inch Zale and weighed at least ten pounds more . . .

Born Anthony Florian Zaleski in Gary, Indiana, on May 29, 1914 . . . His father and mother had come to the U. S. from Poland in 1911 . . . after a year in Chicago . . . settled in Gary . . . Tony's dad, a steel worker in the mills, was killed when Zale was a tot of two . . . Zale is one of seven children . . . He has two sisters . . . Two of Tony's older brothers tried their hand at boxing, won amateur titles, but never turned pro . . . After working hours before the blast furnaces, the Zale boys would repair to the local Y.M.C.A. to train . . . Tony was only ten when he began to spar with the big brothers . . . After graduating from Froebel High School in Gary, Zale entered an amateur tournament . . . In 95 simon pure scraps Zale won 87 times . . . scored fifty knockouts . . .

Was not quite as successful during his early pro career . . . Overmatched . . . he was kayoed a couple of times . . . lost a few, and quit in disgust . . . worked in the steel mills during 1936 . . . Persuaded by Art Winch and Sam Pian, the pair who had guided Barney Ross to two titles, to give boxing another fling . . .

Under their guidance he began to show improvement . . . Fought N.B.A. Champion Al Hostak in non-title bout . . . came off floor to win . . . later invaded Hostak's hometown and defeated him for the title . . .

Zale was honorably discharged from the Navy in October, 1945 . . . Since then has engaged in six tuneup fights . . . flattened all six of his opponents . . . No mean puncher, Zale may surprise everyone in his fight with Graziano . . . Approximately half of his sixty fights have resulted in knockout triumphs . . .

He will be the third former GI to defend a world title, Freddie Cochrane and Joe Louis having preceded him. He has strong backing among Navy men to retain his crown.

ROCKY GRAZIANO

ROCKY GRAZIANO, the hottest attraction in boxing today, holds the record in Madison Square Garden for gate receipts in a bout featuring men below the heavyweight class . . . In his bout with Welterweight Champion Marty Servo the Rock-'em Sock-'em kid helped lure a total of $183,163 through the wickets . . . His forthcoming fight with middleweight king Tony Zale, is expected to crack the all-time outdoor gate receipt record for little men set by Benny Leonard in his battle with Lew Tendler 23 years ago . . . Graziano was rated the best drawing card in the Garden for 1945 . . .

Graziano was born on New York's East Side on June 7, 1922 . . . His first name is Thomas . . . The Rocky comes from his middle Italian name Rocco . . . Rocky's father was a professional boxer twenty-five years ago . . . under the name of Fighting Joe Bob . . .

As a lad Rocky was like any other kid from the East Side slums . . . He spent his hot summer afternoons playing stickball in the crowded streets . . . or dived off the docks at the foot of the East River . . . Graziano claims to have swum across to the Brooklyn side of the river "many times." . . . Began his ring career as an amateur in 1943 . . . Won the Metropolitan A.A.U. 147-pound crown . . . Turned pro in the summer of 1943 . . . His slambang, unscientific style of scrapping made him a great club fighting favorite around New York . . . Really caught on with the fans in one of his losing fights . . . Had Harold Green down and in bad shape as the final bell sounded for the bout . . . brought back memories of Ketchel-O'Brien thriller . . . Graziano has often been compared to Ketchel because of his relentless, ruthless manner of milling . . .

Graziano became a nationally famous fighter when he stiffened Billy Arnold, at that time rated an outstanding prospect . . . Arnold was a 6 to 1 favorite . . . administered frightful beating to Rocky in first two heats . . . Graziano's comeback and savage attack captured the imagination of the Garden crowd and catapulted him into the big money ranks . . . Has flattened all but one of his last eight opponents . . Sonny Horne stayed the distance . . .

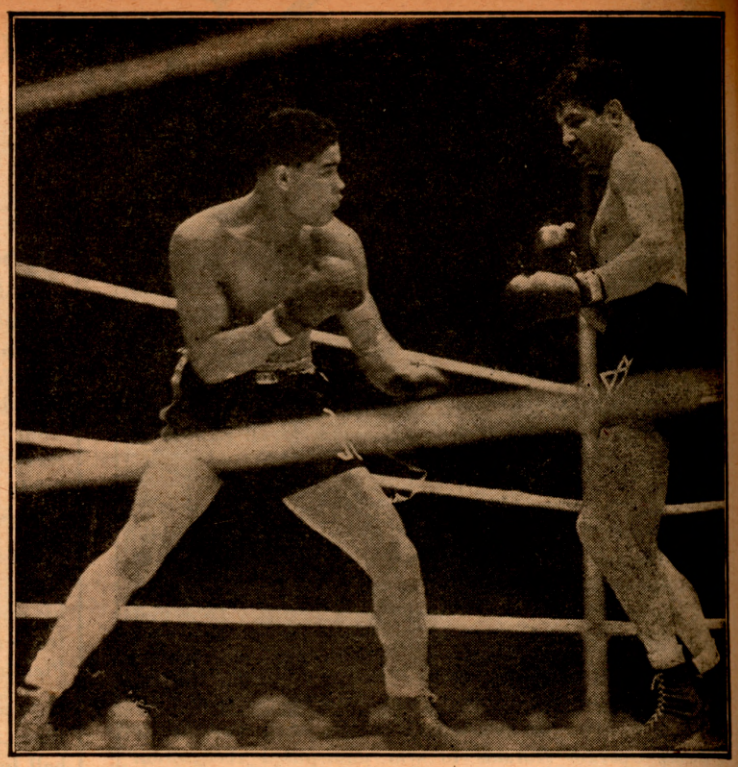
Outside of the ring the terror of the middleweight division is as gentle as a lamb . . . Rocky is putty in the hands of children . . . He has a little baby girl . . . Graziano married his childhood sweetheart Norma Levine . . . Recently moved to Brooklyn where he purchased a home . . . Is the personal saint of all the neighborhood kids . . . sponsors and manages a Brooklyn Kiwanis League baseball club, the Graziano All-Stars . . . Herbie Cohen, seventeen-year-old son of his manager, Irv, is the star pitcher . . . shows promise of hitting the majors . . . Rocky rides the bench in Durocher style giving orders . . . Loves thick, juicy steaks . . . no spaghetti . . . Never dresses elegantly . . . likes to wear old sweaters and suits . . . rarely slicks his tousled hair down . . . Never wears a necktie . . . Music lover . . . has practised on the guitar, piano, trumpet . . .

Rocky Graziano is the most natural, unspoiled big-time boxer seen in the game for years . . . "Celebrity?" he snorts when holding court around his native East Side haunts . . . "That's Broadway . . . On Second Avenue I'm happier . . . They just call me a lucky bum who can punch!" . . .

LOUIS KEPT BELTING THOSE BAER BOYS

Joe Stopped Max in Four, Then Won from Buddy in the Seventh Before Putting Him Out in the First Round

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



Here are Joe Louis and Max Baer in the fourth and final round of their battle. Max is about to pass out of the picture. He does look unhappy, doesn't he?

JOE LOUIS went into the defense of his world heavyweight championship against Billy Conn, for the second time, with quite a few distinctions. Some of these the Brown Bomber had achieved for himself, others had been forced on him by Time and Circumstance.

For example, Louis found himself the only heavyweight leader who had fought two brothers. These were the Baers, Max and Buddy.

Joe's battle with Max came before Louis had won the title and shortly after Baer had lost it to Jim Braddock.

The Bomber's scraps with Buddy, however, belong in the titular record of the Negro thumper. The first of these came on May 23, 1941, less than a month before Louis stopped Conn in thirteen rounds. The second Joe-Buddy fracas bounced into the record book on January 9, 1942.

It is indeed odd that the first meeting of Louis and Buddy was the most exciting of the three. Maxie's battle with the Bomber hardly rates a high place in the Californian's list of activities in the ring. In fact, Maxie looked as if Joe had him half scared to death.

The Maxie meeting with Joe ended by a knockout in the fourth round on September 24, 1935. How time flies, Chumley! Joe's first encounter with Brother Buddy was ended amid tremendous excitement, on a foul, in the seventh round, in Washington.

And when Buddy tried again they carried him out on a shutter in the first heat, a tremendous and at the moment hardly living example of the fact that it was extremely dangerous to tackle the Bomber a second time.

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LET us examine the three Louis vs. the Baers fights in their chronological sequence. In June 1935 Louis stopped Primo Carnera, former holder of the title, in six rounds. Joe left no doubt about where he stood in the heavyweight rating. He was headed for the championship. In fact, he was regarded by most of the experts as a sort of unofficial title holder, as they did not give Braddock his just dues. Jim was a far more workmanlike scrapper than even the Braddock claque realized.

As it happened, Louis's march to the title was not quite so easy and peaceful as Joe and his handlers expected.

After the Bomber had stopped Max Baer, who had lost his title to Braddock on points in 15 rounds on June 13, 1935, Joe disposed of a tough specimen in Paulino Uzcudun. It took him only four heats to polish off the durable Basque. Nothing to it but a fight with Braddock—and the world championship.

However, there is many a slip between the wish and the title. How many heavyweights have discovered this truth, much to their dismay!

Louis had the ill luck to run into Max Schmeling when the German was at his peak and Joe was not so hot.

The Uhlan smacked Joe down. This was a feat of feats. Nobody had believed it possible. But Max did it with his right, and the end came in the twelfth round.

For this temerity, Schmeling was to pay with terrible interest, for as you know, Joe nearly killed the German when they met a second time. Louis scored the most impressive triumph of his career, with a first round knockout.

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THE Louis engagement with Max Baer was to prove to the pugilistic world that Joe was the king of kings, that he was worthy of an immediate shot at Braddock. It did all of that, only to have Louis run into that anti-climax against Schmeling.

Baer was not in too good shape for Louis. For one thing, Max's hands were bad. For another, his psychology was all wrong.

Baer made a costly mistake in his training for the Louis fight. He read the newspapers.

Max had no great urge to do any fighting after the loss of his title. He was in a mental trough. He kidded it off, ostensibly. In reality, he felt that defeat more than any other setback in his career.

If ever Baer was confident of victory, it was going into the ring with Braddock. To be outpointed by a somewhat lacklustre figure, Cinderella Man though he was to be acclaimed—to lose in 15 rounds to a man whom he figured to stop in four—ruined Max's pride and killed his confidence.

Baer had no business tackling Louis right after Max's title defeat. But Baer always needed money. His mode of living was lavish, his expenses were opulent.

So Max signed to tackle Louis and made himself a sacrifice on the altar of the great god Joe.

Low in spirits, tired, Baer spent too much time reading about Louis's training. Every expert who visited the Negro's camp came away with paeans of praise.

"Louis in Murderous Mood," said one dopester in his column.

"Joe Punching Harder Than Ever," shouted another sports page troubadour.

"Joe Looks Like Killer," hollered another, and so it was, right down the line.

Louis got all the attention, Baer received only stray visitors who left with the impression that Baer would welcome a very long postponement.

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MAXIE was hurt by the comparative lack of attention he received in his camp at Speculator, N. Y. He was too far from Broadway, he was forced to play second fiddle to the Negro's rapidly rising wave of publicity, and it is conceivable that for the first time in his life, Baer was forced to think of the dangers of bodily harm.

There were stories at the time that but for Jack Dempsey, his handler in that fight, Max would not have made his appearance. These yarns were founded on froth. But the fact remained that Max was not ready for the fight, he did not want the fight, he fought as if he were sick of the whole thing right from the start.

Considering that the championship was not at stake, the public's response to the Louis-Max match was unprecedented. The fight was staged in Yankee Stadium and drew 88,-150 persons who paid $1,000,832.

Just before Louis dashed into the ring, he celebrated his marriage to Marya Trotter. This may have been by way of a sneer at Max.

As for the fight—well, your reporter has seen many better. After the fourth heat had gone 2 min. 50 sec., Referee Arthur Donovan found himself confronted with the unpleasant duty of giving Baer the full count.

Max was not prone on the canvas when the end came. He was on one knee, shaking his head, fighting desperately to throw off the narcotic which Joe had administered with a barrage of rights and lefts which must have made Max think back to those training period headlines about the Negro. "Joe Looks Like Killer."

Joe Louis and Buddy Baer are shown before their exciting contest in Washington, which ended in the seventh.

Looks like a killer! Joe WAS a killer. Nobody could have stood up against the Bomber that night. He was on his way to the title, to a fortune, Joe Barrow of the $5 a day job at Ford's—Joe now married, young, terrific.

For Max Baer, that knockout was more than bitterest aloes. It was the first time in his career that he had been belted out. He, Max Baer. Belted out!

There was no strut to Max as he came into the ring. It seemed as if he knew what was coming. He was almost glum. And Joe was dead pan. Never a smile, never a word, just thump, thump, thump.

Louis weighed in at 199¼ pounds and Max at 210½ for that fight. And what a wrangle preceded it. That afternoon the New York Commission insisted that Max use the regulation gloves adopted by that body, but Baer held out for a set of California mitts.

"No California, no fight," said Max, perhaps hoping that the Commission would insist on its point and call it off. Which, of course, it could not do over so trivial an issue.

"ONE of the greatest fighters I ever have seen," said Jack Dempsey as he watched Louis batter Maxie helpless. Braddock also was at the ringside, and he had his impressions, too. They were not happy ones.

That Louis would stop Baer before the halfway mark in their scheduled 15 rounder became quite apparent as early as the second round. When it closed, Baer's face was bathed in blood.

In the third, Louis scored his first knockdown with a left to the body. Max went down for nine.

On arising he ran into a succession of lefts which sent him to the canvas a second time. However, the bell sounded at the count of four and perhaps saved Baer.

Saved him for what? Just another trip to the canvas, some more punishment, and just a couple of minutes' respite. Here is the story of those four rounds, those 8 minutes, 50 seconds, of action that cost a million:

Round One—Louis stabbed Baer with a long left to the face and Baer went into a clinch. Joe missed a left hook to the body. Baer aimed a terrific right to Louis's head, but Louis slipped inside it and rushed Max to the ropes. Louis jabbed Max's face twice in a row and circled Baer. Baer missed a wild right and received two left hooks to the face. Louis crossed a hard right to Baer's face. Louis jabbed a left to Max's nose and blood spurted. They exchanged left jabs, Joe opening the cut in Max's nose. They slugged in the center of the ring. Louis crossed two rights to Max's face. Baer tapped Louis on the shoulder and strutted to his corner. Louis's round by a wide margin.

Round Two — Louis pressed Max against the ropes in a neutral corner and landed two left jabs to Max's nose. They sparred carefully in the center of the ring, Louis always going forward. Louis staggered Max with a hard right to face. Max tried to smile when Joe pushed him off with another terrific right. Max landed a short left hook, but Joe came in and jabbed at Max's face. Louis nailed Baer with four straight lefts without receiving a punch, and hooked another left to Max's nose as Baer tried to press him against the ropes. Baer's head shot back before a left hook when he tried to clinch. Max's face was pouring blood as the round ended. Max kept fighting until pulled off by his handlers. Louis's round.

Round Three — They sparred in the center of the ring. Joe landed a hard left hook to Baer's body and dropped a short right on Max's neck. Two short jabs drew the blood from Max's nose. Baer crouched and Louis again landed left jabs to Max's nose. Baer's left hooks and right jabs fell helplessly over Louis's shoulder. Louis landed a hard left to Baer's body and Baer went down for a count of nine. He got up and was met by a barrage of left hooks. Baer went down again for a count of four when the bell sounded. Baer's seconds worked over him feverishly. It was Louis's round by a wide margin.

Round Four—Louis landed two jabs to Max's face as Max attempted to cover up. Louis kept pressing forward and sent a left hook to Max's stomach and almost in the same moment crossed a right hook to Baer's nose.

Louis drove Max to the ropes, but Baer escaped to mid-ring. Louis buried a hard right to Max's stomach and Baer was warned for back-handing Joe.

Three more light lefts landed on Baer's face and Louis pressed the former champion back across the ring. Louis's left hooked several more times to Baer's face and again the blood streamed from Max's nose.

Baer went down again and was counted out in 2:50.

THE night Max lost to Louis, the semi-final was fought after the main bout. Buddy Baer was one of the participants, and the Baer family's record for the night turned out to be .000.

One Homer Smith met Buddy in a six-rounder, and Homer got the nod. Nobody paid very much attention to this scrap except to remark that Max's little brother was somewhat large for a junior.

"Maybe this guy can fight," the fans said, and they went home and wondered if Braddock would be able to stand up even for three rounds against the Brown Bomber.

Well, Buddy grew and grew. He bounced back interestingly from his setback by Smith and on August 30, 1937, stopped Abe Simon in three rounds.

"Maybe this bird has what Max did not have," the experts said. But Gunnar Barlund stopped the Buddy enterprise almost cold with a seventh round knockout on March 4, 1938.

In 1940, Buddy knocked out Nathan Mann in seven, Valentin Campolo in one and Harold Blackshear in three.

In 1941, Buddy suffered a setback in a ten-rounder with Eddie Blunt, but he came back with a seventh round stoppage of Tony Galento in Washington. And the fight hungry capital hollered for more Buddy. So, on May 23, 1941, it got the first meeting of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, and Buddy Baer.

This was one of the mos hectic fights in Louis's career. For one thing, he was floored as early as the first round. And then there was a wild finish—Buddy's third trip to the canvas, Manager Ancil Hoffman's invasion of the ring and his refusal to leave, forcing the referee to declare a foul.

As a matter of fact, Buddy had been belted woozy. When the bell sounded for the seventh, Baer did not come out and Referee Artie Donovan gave the fight to Louis.

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HERE'S what happened in the sixth. In mid-round, Joe sent Buddy down with a right to the face. The Californian took a seven count.

Soon Louis landed a hard left to the head and Buddy hit the boards again, for nine.

Just as Buddy arose, Louis smote him with a right to the jaw.

Hoffman shouted that the bell had rung before that last knockdown and wanted Louis disqualified, or something.

Donovan stood his ground. Hoffman stood his, too. And that's how the fight ended, with Buddy sitting in his corner pretty well done up, and brother Max listening at the radio out in Sacramento.

Louis had some interesting moments after the first. In the fifth Joe's left eye became badly banged up and Buddy started to target it, but good. However, Baer, Jr., was not up to fighting Joe for long and everything turned out for the best. Here are the rounds of that mêlée:

First Round—They traded lefts and Louis closed in. He half spun Baer with a left and right to the head. Baer clinched and drove a right to the heart. Baer hooked a right to the head and rushed Joe to the ropes. Baer drove a glancing right uppercut to the chin.

Louis hooked a left to the head. Baer drove a left and a right to the body. Baer hooked a left to the chin and put Louis through the ropes. Louis was back in the ring at the count of four. The fighters thought they heard the bell and retreated to their corners, but Donovan ordered them to resume fighting. Louis landed a left to the face at the bell.

Second Round—Baer rushed the champion and drove both hands to the body. Louis sent three straight jabs to the head. Louis rocked Baer with a right to the head. Baer returned a hard left to the head. Louis missed a left to the face.

Louis bounced a right off Baer's jaw. Louis chopped a right to the face, but Baer rushed him and drove Joe to the ropes. Louis stabbed several lefts to the face. Louis bombarded Baer's head with both hands. Baer landed a sharp left to the face. Louis fired a right to the kidney, but Baer came back with a left to the chest. Louis rocked Baer with a right to the face just before the bell.

Third Round—Louis shot a straight left to the face. Baer danced away from a left hook. Louis took a left on the head and ducked a long right for the face. Baer drove a long right to the body and hooked a left to the head. Louis shot two lefts to the face at short distance, then shot a right to the head.

The Bomber drove four straight lefts to the face and a long right to the ribs. Louis missed a right and left to the head and Baer drove a right to the heart. They traded hard lefts to the head and Baer shook the champion with a right to the head.

Fourth Round—Baer stabbed a long left to the body and then drove a right to the head. Louis sent a right to the head and drove both hands to the body. They traded rights to the body.

Joe landed a sharp right to the jaw and followed with several lefts to the head. Buddy advanced but took two more lefts to the head. At close quarters Baer leaned on Joe and fired both hands to the body. Louis hooked a left to the body and shot a right to the jaw.

Baer chopped a left to the head and Louis missed a right to the chin. Louis shot two lefts to the face at the bell.

Fifth Round—Baer stabbed a left to the head. Louis drove Baer's head back with a straight left. Louis crouched but did not throw a punch. Standing straight, the champion bounced two fast lefts off Baer's chin. Baer landed a right to the face and followed with two lefts to the head.

Joe's left eye was puffy and he drew a thumb across it several times. Baer, aroused at the sight of Louis's bad eye, sprang forward and drove both hands to the head. At long range Baer made the eye the target for his straight lefts. Louis hooked a left to the face and an uppercut to the chin, but Baer trotted forward, nevertheless.

Sixth Round—Louis hooked a left to the face and drove a left to the body. Louis hooked two more lefts to the head. Baer advanced and sent a short left to the face. Louis hooked a left to the head and drove a left to the body. Louis sent two rights to the kidneys, then drove a left to Baer's midsection.

Baer took a hard right to the jaw and clinched. At close range they stood straight and traded with both hands until Louis held. Louis floored Baer with a right to the face. Baer was up at seven and Louis fired two more rights to the head. The champion measured his foe and missed with a right.

Louis floored Baer with a left and right to the head and Baer took the count of nine. As Baer arose Louis smashed him to the canvas with a right to the jaw.

Ancil Hoffman, Baer's manager, insisted that the bell had rung before Louis floored Buddy a second time.

When the bell sounded for the seventh round Hoffman refused to allow Baer to return. Referee Donovan thereupon disqualified Baer because of Hoffman's presence in the ring during round time.

AFTER that Washington affair, Hoffman set up a Buddy clamor. You know the pattern. "We wuz robbed,"—only Ancil is more literate than that. He knew that Buddy was no more in Joe's class than Max had been.

Well, Time marched on, as it always does. From May 23, 1941, until January 9, 1942, Buddy did not put on the gloves again. He was resting on his laurels of a disputed finish against Joe.

As the year 1942 dawned, Buddy got what he had been yammering for—another fight with Louis. It was held in the Garden in New York, for service relief and ended in 2:56 of the first round.

Buddy was knocked down three times, and when he hit the boards the third time, Referee Frank Fullam counted him out.

There were 18,870 paying guests in the Garden and they shelled out $189,700, of which $80,000 went to Navy relief. Louis did not get a dime.

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LOUIS weighed 206¾ pounds and Baer 250 for that short demonstration of what happens when a punch lands on a vulnerable spot. Here is a ringside description of the brief brawl:

"'Come out fighting', were the closing words of Referee Fullam's instructions, and for once each contestant did exactly that. Baer, with his chin tucked halfway down under the protection of his left shoulder, charged in and landed a left to the body.

"Louis then tilted Buddy's head up from that protecting shoulder with a jab and shook him with a left and a right to the head. From that point on Baer took a merciless beating, though he never stopped trying.

"That blow by Baer was the signal for a terrific attack by Louis. Joe, fighting as he did in his earlier days, with a sort of cold fury, poured in punches so fast both to head and body that it was impossible to keep track of them.

"After about a minute of this Buddy, groggy but game, belted the champion with two good rights to the jaw as Joe stood with his back to the ropes on the Eighth avenue side of the ring. They were good punches, but they merely roused Louis to even greater power and, out in the center of the roped square, he put Buddy down with a right to the jaw that followed a heavy left to the same spot.

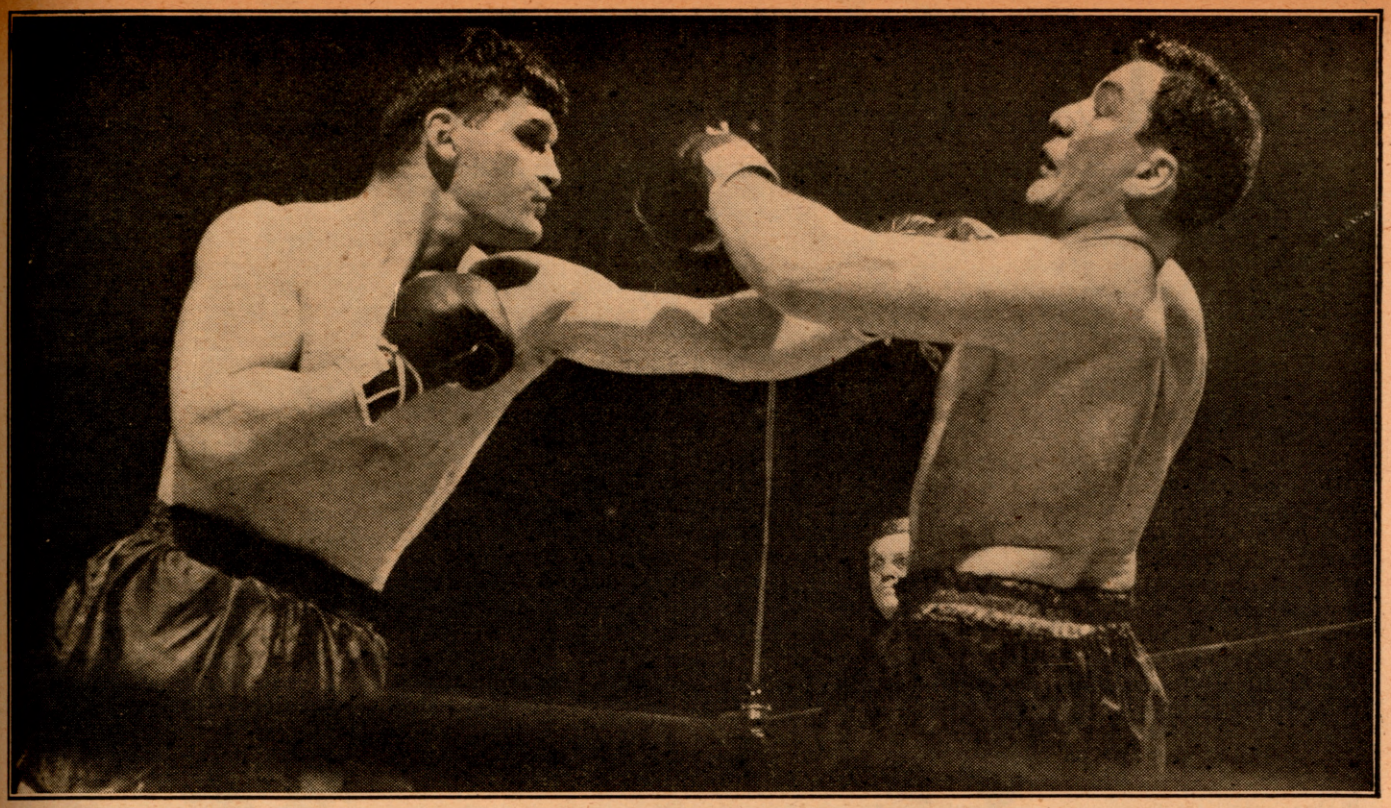
"Baer received a brief respite as Referee Fullam wiped the rosin from his gloves, but Louis drove a right to the jaw, a right uppercut to the chin and then another right, this one smack on the button, that sent Buddy down again. This time the challenger twisted and fell on his stomach. It looked as if he were finished, but he rolled over, got to one knee and arose at nine.

"Louis shook the challenger with a right to the face, then stepped to his left and whistled a right uppercut to the chin that sank Buddy for the third time. As Buddy tried to get up he rolled over toward the ropes, fell, grasped the middle rope with his hands and managed to pull himself erect, but just a trifle after the count of ten had been pounded out by Knockdown Counter George Walsh and echoed by the referee."

Heeney-Tunney Bout Financial Flop

WHILE everyone is predicting at least a three million dollar gate for the Louis-Conn shindig in June, did you know that the Tunney-Heeney fiasco in 1928 resulted in one of Tex Rickard's biggest financial lickings? The great promoter wound up in the red to the tune of $152,000.

Even free passes went begging as most fans preferred to catch the slaughter of Heeney over the radio. Row upon row of vacant seats dotted the Polo Grounds where the fight was staged. Heeney was no match for Tunney and was stopped in the eleventh round.



Bruce Woodcock, British heavyweight king, snaps Tami Mauriello's head back with a perfectly executed left jab.

ADDS *to* PRESTIGE

Bruce Woodcock, British Empire Heavyweight Title Holder, Makes Hit in American Debut Despite Defeat at Hands of Mauriello

By NAT FLEISCHER

THE first two international boxing matches between England and the United States, both staged within a few days of each other, resulted in victories for our boys. The triumphs of Uncle Sam's representatives proved the accuracy of THE RING'S ratings, both annual and monthly. They brought home to the British the fact so often stated in this publication, that our top ranking men, even in these times of mediocrity, are superior to the best that the British can muster.

The knockout of Freddie Mills by Gus Lesnevich in the ninth round of their world light-heavyweight title bout staged in London and the kayo of Bruce Woodcock by Tami Mauriello in the fifth session in Madison Square Garden, came as a shock to the British followers of fisticuffs who saw in Bruce and Freddie fighters of extraordinary ability. They predicted that Mills would be defeated only because he had had no tune up fights since his release from the Army but so far as Woodcock was concerned, they ridiculed the idea that Bruce would not only be a loser but would be the victim of a knockout as was freely predicted by the American press.

But the inevitable happened. Bruce, like Mills, his brother-in-arms, was flattened, and like Freddie, he emerged a popular hero, despite defeat. The pink cheeked, twenty-six-year-old Yorkshireman from Doncaster, endeared himself to the hearts of the Americans by a display of fighting qualities and gameness such as no other British Empire heavyweight king had ever placed on display in this country. That is why the cheers of the gathering of 13,749 persons, who paid $98,590, rang in his ears as he left the arena and why the bulk of the American newspapermen flocked to his room after the fight instead of that of the victor and made Bruce remark the following day, after reading the papers:

"Your publications were amazing in their stories. They wrote the fight up as if I had won instead of being knocked out.

"Amazing, indeed, and most fair! If anything they favored me and I wonder how Mauriello must feel when more credit is given to me than to him! After all, it was I who was knocked out, not Tami, and he did it fairly and cleanly!"

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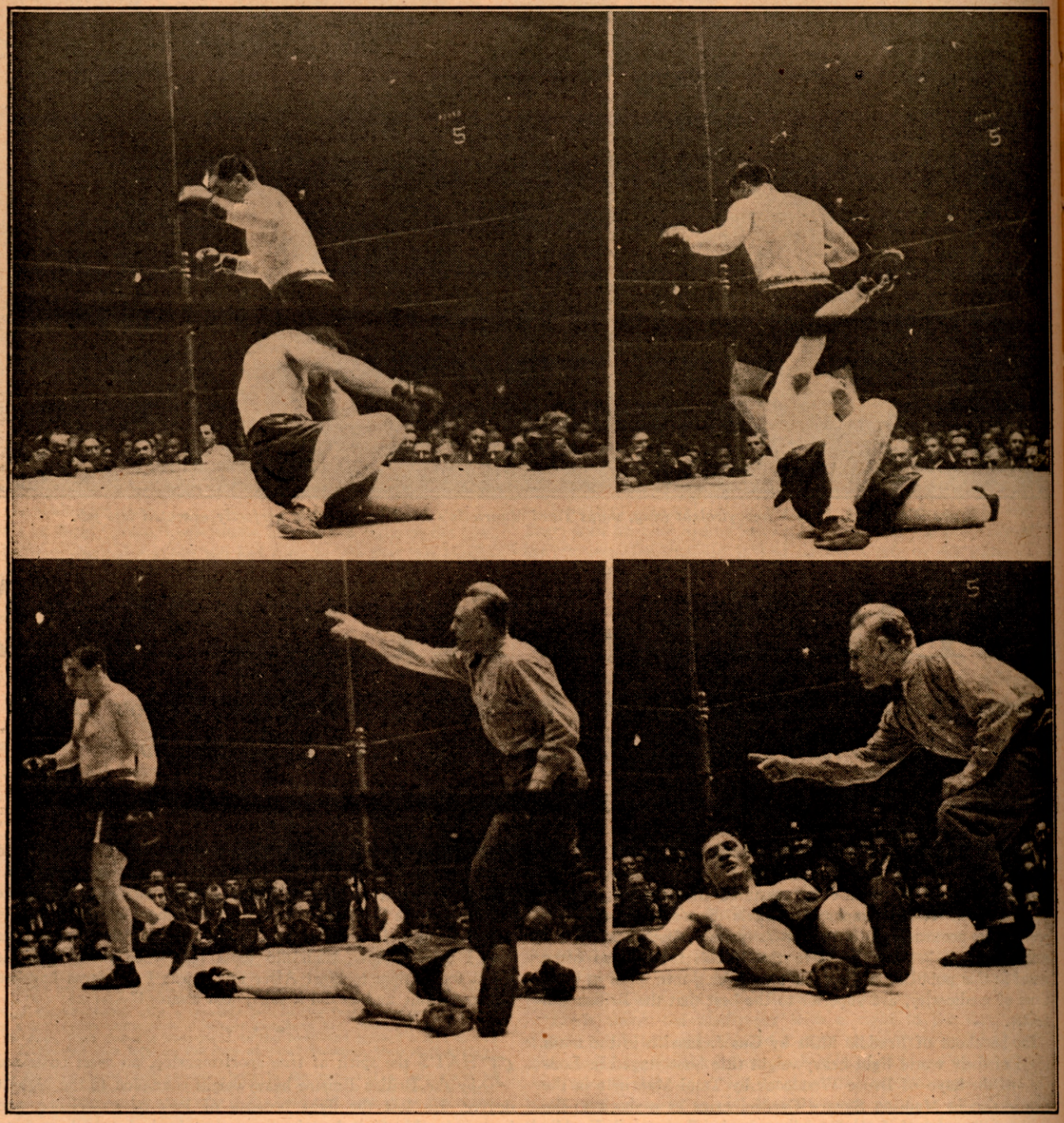
THAT'S the spirit of true sportsmanship, an asset possessed by the British Empire heavyweight champion to the highest degree. He lost the fight because of lack of experience, and because as his first American opponent he had a high ranking fighter facing him instead of a set-up, the usual proceeding when a foreigner comes to our shores.

Bruce would have none of that. He had scored 24 knockouts out of 25 in England and he had such explicit faith in his ability to cope with our best, except Louis, that he wanted none but a top man for his debut. And he learned, as had been predicted, that our best are a little better than the leading men from overseas. The reason is obvious. Our men face tougher opposition and when they make the grade, it's a cinch that they reached the top ranking section only by passing over a hard road and meeting fighting opposition all the way.

The British claim that Woodcock is the greatest of the British heavyweights since Charley Mitchell's time may be well founded. At least based on his splendid performance in the Garden, Woodcock seemed every inch of that. His general work against one

BRUCE WOODCOCK



The magic eye of the camera records in sequence the sensational knockout of Bruce Woodcock after Tami Mauriello connected with a terrific, short right to the chin. Upper panel (left) Woodcock slumps toward canvas as Tami pulls away. (Right) The Bronxite heads for the corner facing him as Bruce rolls over. Lower panel (left) Referee Eddie Joseph directs Tami to a neutral corner while Woodcock is dead to the world. The game Britisher did not stir until a count of six had been reached. (Right) The dazed Woodcock starts to rise as the arbiter of the first Louis-Conn tussle continues his count.

of America's best heavyweights was a revelation to U. S. fans.

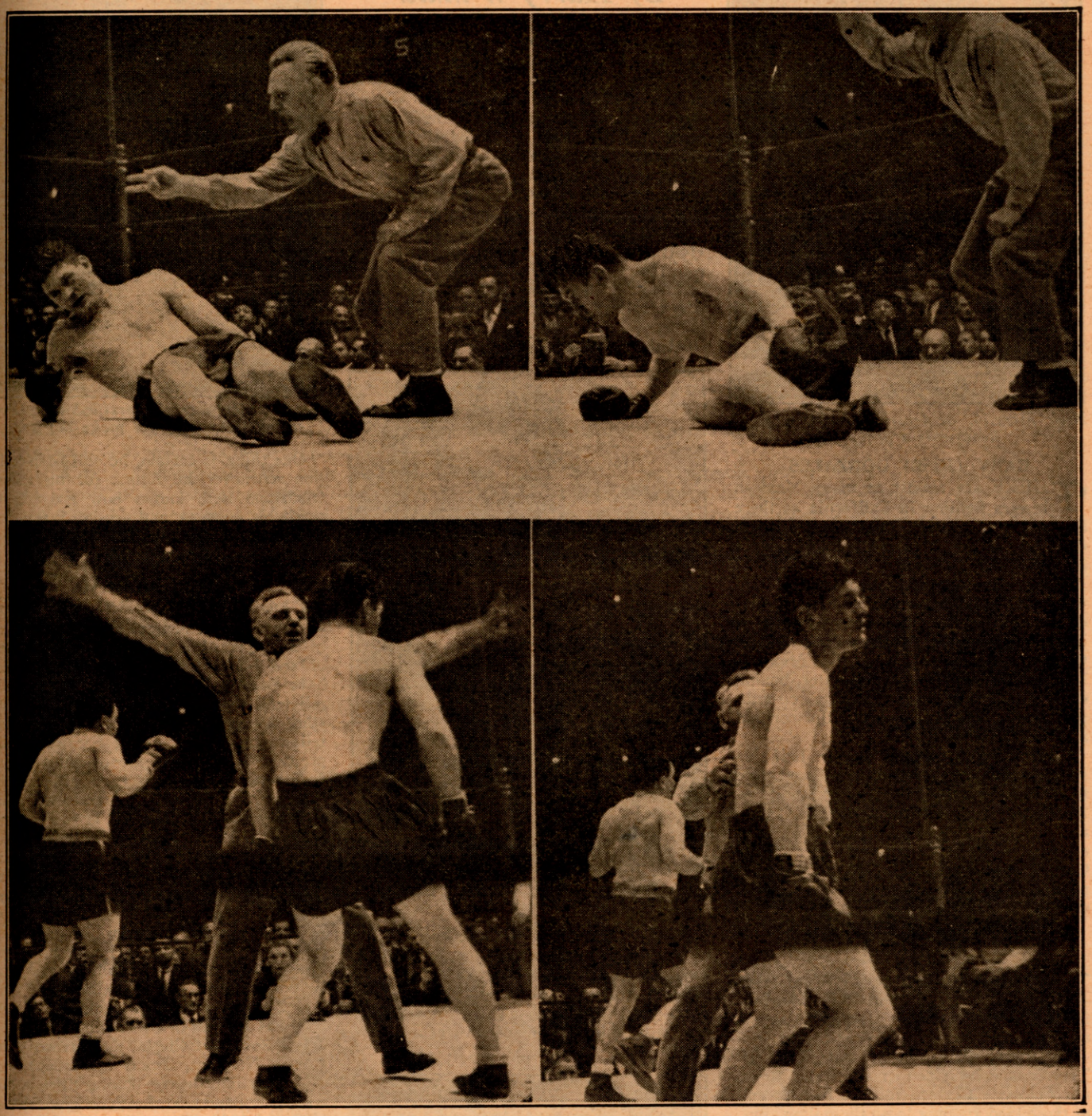
On rounds he had an even break, two to two, but on points, the majority of the scribes covering the fight, the writer included, had him in the lead by one point over Tami. Had the bout gone the limit, it would have resulted, as I predicted in the many stories I wrote for British papers, in a win for Bruce.

I said in these that if Tami wouldn't get his man within six rounds, he would lose on points. Every indication on fight night pointed to the accuracy of that prediction.

Bruce made a thrilling fight of it while it lasted. He surprised all hands by coming out for the opening round with his left shoulder raised almost to his chin, a defense he failed to show in his training. He was repeatedly warned that he left himself wide open for an attack by Tami's vicious right hook, but paid no attention to this in his training. Two days before the fight I chatted with Bruce and his manager, Tom Hurst, and on that occasion I repeated the warning both had so frequently heard in comments from the scribes who watched Bruce at the Bear Mountain Inn, his training quarters.

"If you keep your shoulder high, Bruce, and rip your powerful right under Mauriello's heart," I said, "you'll stand an excellent chance of lasting the route and if you do, you'll win on points."

A Hero in Defeat



Upper panel (left) The tense action continues as bleary-eyed Bruce props himself on an elbow. (Right) Woodcock paws dreamily at the canvas as Referee Joseph tolls off nine. Lower panel (left) Bruce gets to his feet just as the referee, his arms outstretched, signals that it's all over. Notice Woodcock's rubbery-legged stance. (Lower right) Woodcock totters and reels back as Joseph rushes to embrace him and guide him to his corner. Mauriello jogs triumphantly to his own corner.

Bruce took that advice and trained secretly for two days on such a defense and in the fight, for four rounds he dumbfounded the critics by keeping his shoulder high and taking everything Tami delivered, landing as often as did his opponent and on two occasions almost dropping Mauriello. Then came the fifth and in that session Bruce left his defense at home.

It took Mauriello only a fraction of a second to note the wide opening as Bruce's guard dropped, and stepping in close, he exploded the full power of his right against the jaw. Bruce never knew what struck him.

He went down like a log, falling on his back and with arms outstretched, he lay until the count of eight. Then he started to rise. At nine he rested on his knees and a fraction of a second after Referee Eddie Joseph had counted the fatal ten, Bruce was up but reeled back into the arms of the official, a helpless, beaten fighter.

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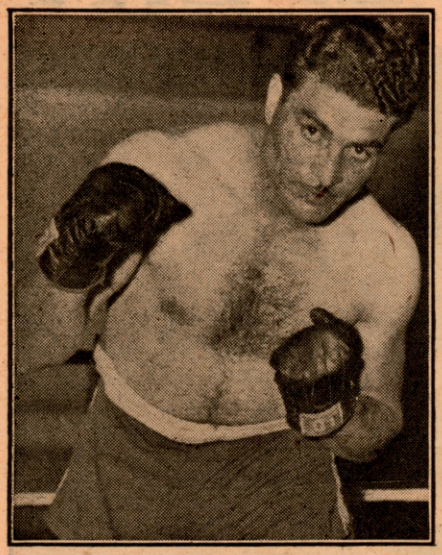
IN LOSING, the courageous Woodcock showed that he possessed every asset of a great fighter except experience against tough opponents to harden him for an attack such as he was sure to face when meeting any American top-notcher. He absorbed the best of Mauriello's punches without flinching. He brought the claret from Tami's nose early in the second round and from a cut over the eye in the *(Continued on page 39)*

CALIFORNIA FAVORITES

By Harry Winkler



Nick Moreno, ex-Army sergeant, a good heavyweight prospect.

BABY (JOSE) GONZALES

THERE are almost as many Mexican boxers fighting in California as there are fighting in their own country these days. One of the better of the Latin visitors is Jose (Baby) Gonzales.

Jose does most of his fisticuffing at Hollywood, but he has shown in some other parts of the country, having journeyed to New York, Philadelphia, Minneapolis and New Orleans to do battle. Like most of Mexico's boxers, Gonzales is a switch-hitter, boxing equally as well in either orthodox or southpaw stance. He is a smart performer and a crowd-pleasing fighter.

Gonzales has dropped nearly half his starts in this country, but his losses were to such men as Manuel Ortiz, Jimmy McAllister, Enrique Bolanos, Jackie Graves and Jackie Floyd. Jose's best wins were over Pedro Firpo, Charley (Cabey) Lewis, Guy Serean and Manny Ortega. That importer of Mexican boxers, Gus Wilson, does Gonzales' business.

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NICK DIAZ

NICK DIAZ of Los Angeles, may make the big time, for this Mexican featherweight is about as clever a southpaw as this writer has seen in years.

Of course, Diaz doesn't hit like Lew Tendler, and he is neither a Freddie Miller nor a Young Corbett, for, we haven't any of those kind running loose these days. But, Diaz is clever, punches fast, is quick on his feet, and being only a youngster, he figures to improve. Nick engaged in less than thirty amateur bouts and has been in the professional ranks but ten months. He has had twelve pro fights, losing two of them, both to Alfredo Escobar. Among his wins were victories over Sammy Anders, Pete Pacheco, Mario Trigo and this same Escobar. Diaz is handled by Johnny Forbes, well known developer of young Mexican fighters.

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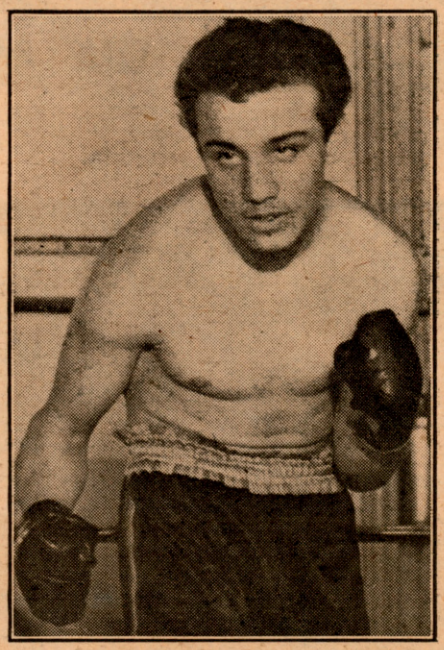
ROSCOE SCALLY

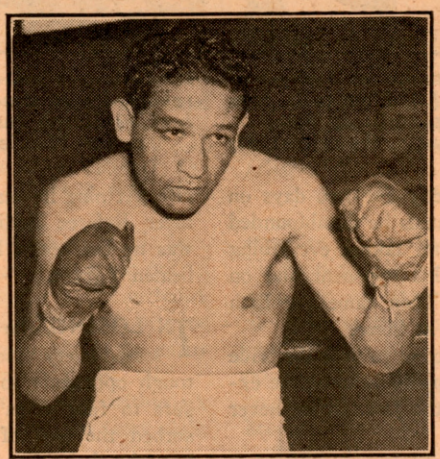
WINNERS of Golden Gloves tournaments most always have the stuff to carve a niche for themselves in professional boxing ranks. Therefore, the pro debut of Roscoe Scally received more than passing attention by California fans, as the Pasadena Negro had won the lightweight title in the 1945 Los Angeles Golden Gloves meet, and fought to the finals in the Tournament of Champions at Chicago.

Scally, tough, rugged and a good puncher, has done very well since entering the money ranks on June 1st last year. With but seven months' experience and only eleven pro fights, Roscoe was given top billing in a Hollywood Stadium main event. Scally won that first top-spot, but lost in his second main event to Lou Bernal, a youngster, who also was getting his first crack at top billing.

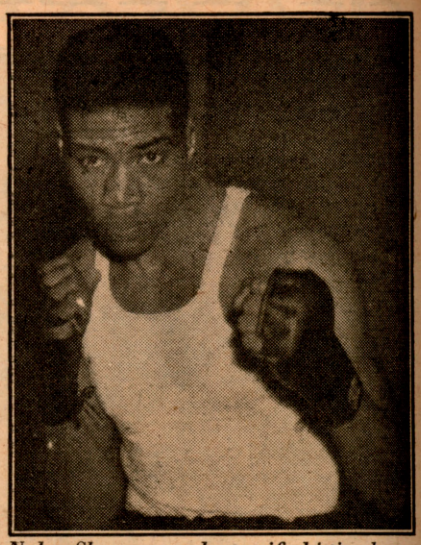
At this writing, Scally has answered the bell only about thirty times, counting both amateur and professional bouts. That is too little experience for a main-eventer to have. After Roscoe has engaged in another dozen bouts and continues to improve, he should be able to hold his own against the best.



Nick Diaz, promising Mexican feather, a clever southpaw.



Jose (Baby) Gonzales, smart, switch-hitting Mexican.



Nolan Sharp, a crude, terrific-hitting heavyweight who may yet make the grade.

One thing is certain, he will be in condition whenever he fights, for his trainer, Gladstone Bell, knows how and what to teach his charges, and sees to it that they carry out his commands.

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NICK MORENO

IT has often been predicted that the next heavyweight champion would come out of the Army, but after the way that some of the highly-touted Army-made heavies have flopped, the prospects of an ex-G.I. relieving Joe Louis of his crown are mighty slim. However, there are still some big fellows coming out of the Service who did pretty well with the gloves while in uniform and believe that they will have the same success with the mittens while wearing civvies. Nick Moreno is one of these.

As Sgt. E. A. Moreno, he won the 45th Div. heavyweight title, and engaged in many bouts during his four years in the Army, winning most of them by the kayo route. Moreno, born at Metcalf, Ariz., Nov. 7, 1918, was well known throughout the Southwest as an athlete, before he entered the Service in 1941. While a student at Arizona State Teacher's College at Flagstaff, he won letters in track and football, and was captain of the boxing team.

In Border College Conference meets (Ariz., N. Mex., Texas competing), Moreno won light-heavy boxing titles in 1935 and 1936, and the heavyweight titles in 1937 and 1938. The ex-Sarge, of Spanish-Syrian descent, has lost but 3 of his 53 amateur contests, and has just won both of his two professional bouts. He is being handled by Jack Davis of Los Angeles.

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NOLAN SHARP

EVERY Monday night for six weeks, a big Negro youth, one Nolan Sharp, came around to an amateur club, operated by this writer, and repeated his request to be matched. Inquiry revealed that he had never engaged in a bout and had very little knowledge of boxing. He was such a polite, good natured fellow, that I wished him to have at least an even chance of winning, so, put him off for many weeks,

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Lesnevich Makes Good

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BIG time boxing on a prewar scale came back to London with a flourish of trumpets, when Promoter Jack Solomons staged the match for the Light-heavyweight Championship of the World between Gus Lesnevich of the United States of America, and Freddie Mills of Great Britain.

The scene was Harringay Arena, where in the not so long ago, Max Baer, Tommy Farr, Walter Neusel, Jack Peterson, Len Harvey, and many other idols of the squared circle made memorable appearances. This, too, was a night to remember, with fight fans packing the vast arena long before the show was due to commence, and many of them, coming without tickets, willing to pay almost any price to get them, for the huge place had been sold out for weeks before the fight.

It was apparent from the first gong that the contest was between a boxing craftsman in the American, and a strong fighter in Mills. The first round resolved itself into a tryout for both boxers. The second round, however, produced the first of the fireworks that was to make this one of the greatest fights in the history of British boxing. As Mills came in to the attack, Lesnevich, who is totally unlike the general American conception of a fighter (he doesn't crouch, but instead stands straight and uses a beautiful straight left), caught Mills with a peach of a left hook, and it seemed then that the championship fight was over, for Mills dropped with a thud to the canvas, and was in a bad way.

He rose gamely, but a smashing right dropped him again for nine.

When he went down from another terrific right the frenzied gathering was on its toes, and when Mills rose dazedly at eight, the crowd reflected Lesnevich's killer instinct as he tore into Mills, shooting innumerable lefts and rights to the head. Mills retreated into a corner, and Lesnevich went after him. Sheer will power and strength kept Mills on his feet and eventually the gong sounded, and Mills had a minute's respite to recover from the severe pounding.

Then came another thrilling round. Mills came out of his corner as fresh as though the action of the previous session had never taken place, and it was he who took the fight to Lesnevich. He walked into the American boy and tossed punches that hurt plenty.

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THE third round ended with Mills catching Lesnevich on the face several times and opening an old wound under the eye, which began to spout blood.

Freddie's brilliant comeback and the fact that he had cut Lesnevich's cheek seemed to give new heart to Mills and he tore into Lesnevich as the gong sounded for the next round and made his target the wounded cheek which was beginning to swell. Giving and taking sledgehammer blows, he pulled level with Lesnevich, who had been away ahead on points. Mills hit and chopped and bashed and smote at Lesnevich's eye which took on a severely battered appearance and closed entirely in the fifth round.

In the sixth round, both lads were covered with Lesnevich's blood. Every time Mills landed a blow on the American's eye, the huge gathering gave vent to its enthusiasm with wild cheering.

The seventh and eighth again saw Mills doing all the attacking. He tore in and made the eye his target.

Mills won the ninth round decisively and came out for the tenth full of confidence. He proceeded to batter away at a very sorry looking American. Then Lesnevich proved that he was indeed a worthy world champion. Mills dropped his guard for a second, and . . . Wham! A smashing right hook to the chin sent him back against the ropes and onto the canvas. He arose groggy but game, and retired into a corner where Gus, with victory in his grasp, tore into him. Mills covered his chin and Lesnevich battered his unprotected midriff, until finally Freddie's guard came down again and another right to the chin sent Mills down.

Mills rose and fell again without a blow but rose once more to receive a powerful right smash from Lesnevich who bounded across the ring to deliver this blow. Mills dropped limply, whereupon Referee Eugene Henderson stepped between the pair. Mills was still on the floor and Lesnevich was waiting for him to rise when Referee Henderson raised Gus Lesnevich's hand as the winner.

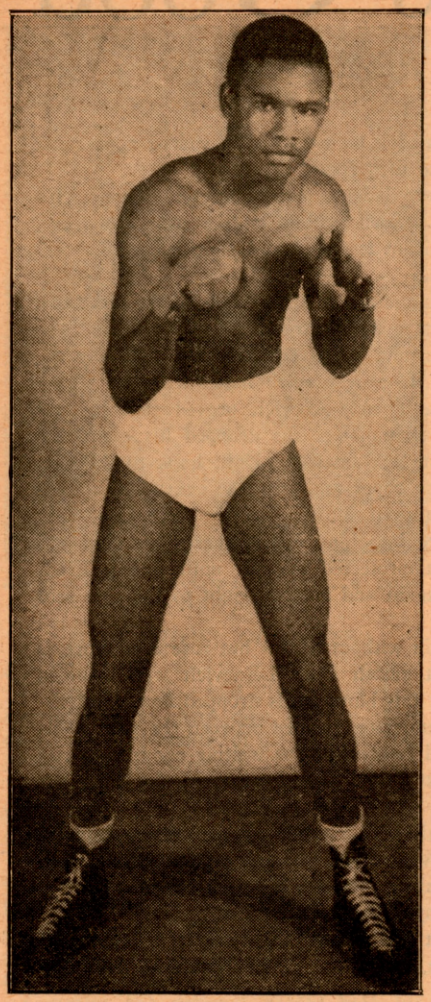
Mills was helped to his corner while photographers crowded into the ring and Lesnevich posed for his picture with a wet towel around his head, his eye closed, his nose cut and his lips battered. Mills was comparatively unmarked.

In a thrill-packed bout the former Lightweight Champion of Great Britain, Eric Boon, 146¾, *(Continued on page 35)*

Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight king, bathes eye with ice bag after stopping Freddie Mills in international battle for title in England. A friendly handshake after the bout.

POPULAR PERFORMERS

By Eddie Merrill



Kid Dinamita, a classy lightweight from Santo Domingo. He is only eighteen years old and has lost but one in fifty-one starts.

FREDDIE DAWSON

SEVERAL times during his career, since he turned pro three years ago, Freddie Dawson, twenty-two-year-old Chicago Negro lightweight, has shown great promise of becoming the outstanding 135-pound contender or possibly the champion, only to have his fistic applecart upset at a crucial stage.

In 1943, after Dawson had racked up thirteen wins in his first fourteen starts, and was rated an excellent prospect, he faced his old pal and amateur team mate, Al Reasoner in a ten-round bout. Freddie flattened Reasoner in the final frame and young Al never recovered consciousness and died in a hospital later.

Heartsick, Dawson wanted to quit until he figured that Reasoner, after knockouts at the hands of Chalky Wright and Bob Montgomery had suffered headaches, and that his kayo over Al, and the subsequent death of his buddy was due to cumulative effects.

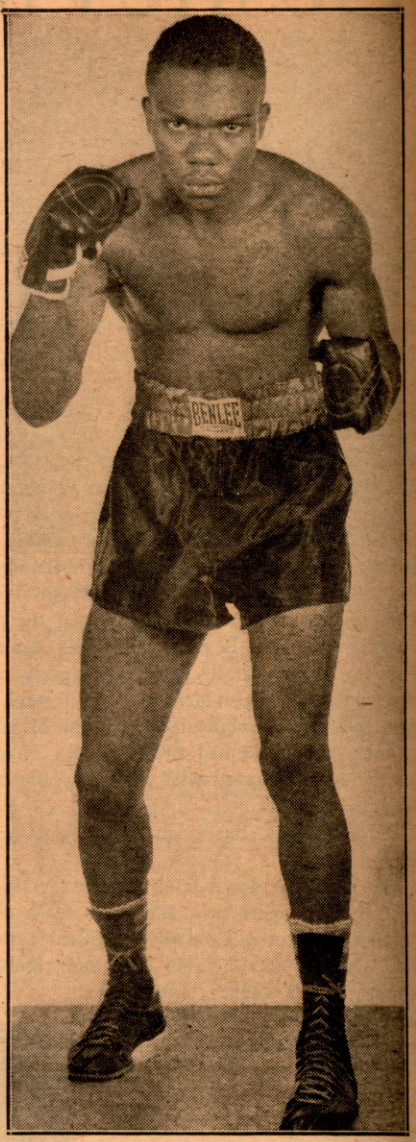
During 1944 Dawson won ten straight bouts, seven by knockouts, and after New Yorkers had seen him in action, raved about his speed and punching power. Freddie's hopes crumbled after Ike Williams stowed him away in four heats in Philadelphia.

Undaunted, Dawson bounced right back into the win column by defeating Dorsey Lay, Gene Burton, Eddie Hudson, and knocked out Al Gomez and Ernie Petrone during 1945. This year he climbed off the floor four times in one round to defeat the always dangerous Charley Smith. His most notable effort was a draw with his kayo conqueror Ike Williams. Riding high again, Dawson was upset by clever Johnny Bratton in a close fight and at this writing is patiently starting all over again.

Born in Chicago, lithe-limbed Freddie Dawson gave promise of becoming a second Jesse Owens. While attending DuSable High School, Freddie was on the track team where he ran a hundred yards in the amazingly quick time of 9.8 seconds, high jump six feet, and in a Catholic Youth Organization Horse Shoe Pitching Tourney won top honors.

As an amateur boxer Dawson annexed the 118- and 126-pound titles while compiling a record of more than 100 victories with but three defeats. As a professional, Dawson had engaged in forty-one fights.

Sammy Secreet, Pittsburgh welter, who has shown great form since being honorably discharged from the Navy.



Freddie Dawson, Chicago lightweight, who is back in the fistic spotlight.

He has won thirty-six, lost four, two by kayoes and has a lone draw with Ike Williams. Freddie has stiffened sixteen of his foes thus far.

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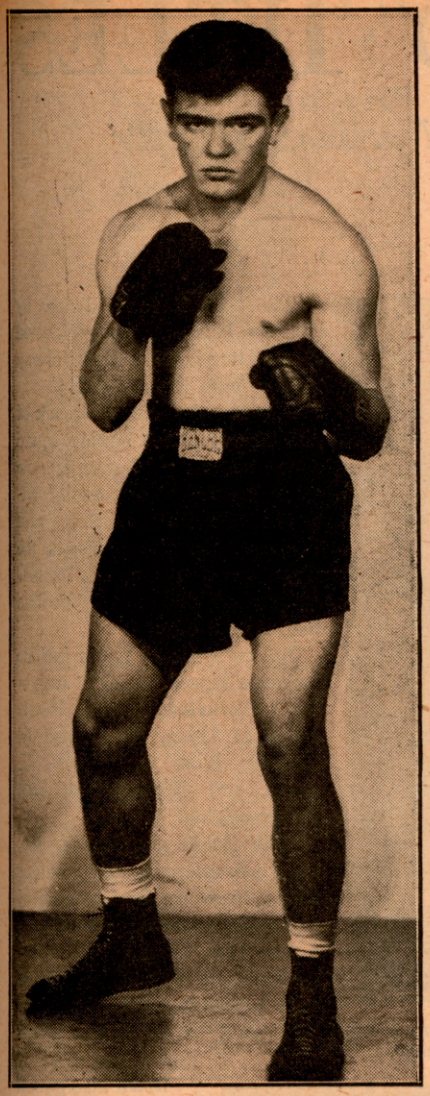
LUCIO "LUCKY" LIMA

NAVY veteran Lucio "Lucky" Lima was born in Fall River, Mass., and has done most of his boxing there. Two of the three decisions which have been registered against 142-pound Lima during his pro career, have been given in Fall River rings. The verdicts went to visitors Maxie Starr and Joey Bagnato. Local newspaper reports differed with the opinion of the judges.

Lima, who now calls Long Island his home, has engaged in fourteen fights since his discharge last summer, winning seven by decision, four by kayoes and dropping a six rounder to Henry Majcher.

He holds wins over Leon Johnson, Steve Bellus, Joe Polowitzer, Pat Doyle, Tommy Daniels, Oscar St. Pierre and Freddie Camuso, besides stopping Frankie Conti, Willie Marcus, Ralph Verdijo and Winnie Winslow.

A clever, weaving, "all business" sharpshooter, Lima's demeanor outside the ropes



Dennis "Pat" Brady, young Bronx lightweight, whose terrific punching power has made him a great favorite in New England.

is that of a laughing, good natured youngster who shuns the thought of physical violence. His energetic savvy in the ring makes him a fine prospect for future welterweight honors. He is managed by Jack Toner.

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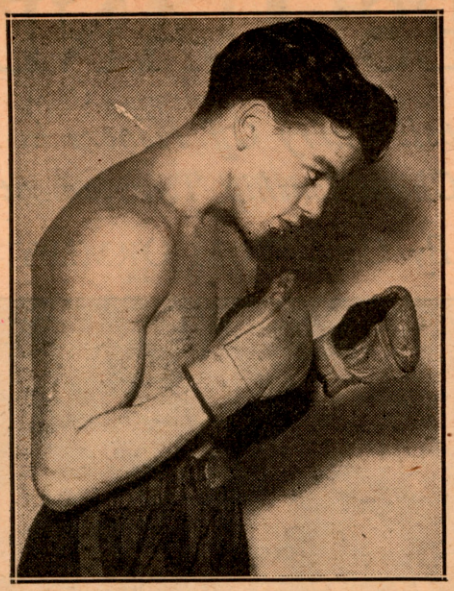
JEROME FRAZIER

A NEGRO LAD who learned to box while in the Navy now looms as one of the most promising young middleweights campaigning around New York. Jerome Frazier, 150-pound stablemate of Ray "Sugar" Robinson, has kayoed all but one of his opponents since turning pro in the fall of 1945, following his honorable discharge.

The one foe he failed to flatten was the seasoned Buddy Farrell of Newark, N. J., who halted Jerry with a cut eye in Frazier's third professional fight. Frazier, who was born on the East Side, graduated from Seward Park High School where he majored in book-keeping and stenography. He was also a star on the swimming team. Jerry was quite content with his job as a stock clerk until he became old enough to enlist in the Navy when he succumbed to the urge for action and adventure.

Frazier encountered plenty of action as a member of the Seventh Fleet. Jerry was



Billy Carroll Southerner, an experienced stablemate of Roland Prairie, now campaigning in New York rings.

at New Guinea, Bougainville, Leyte, and Guam. He is the proud possessor of three battle stars. Because he was an excellent swimmer, he was put on the athletic staff aboard ship, and there in his spare time learned to box. During his three year hitch Frazier took part in several Navy tournaments and was undefeated in sailor competition.

Jerry is twenty-one years old and is managed and trained by George Gainford.

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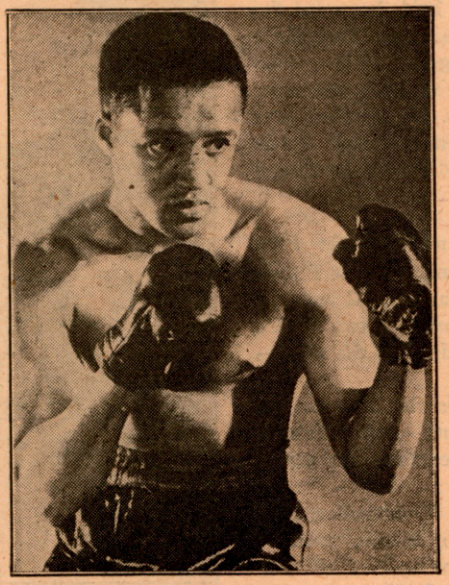
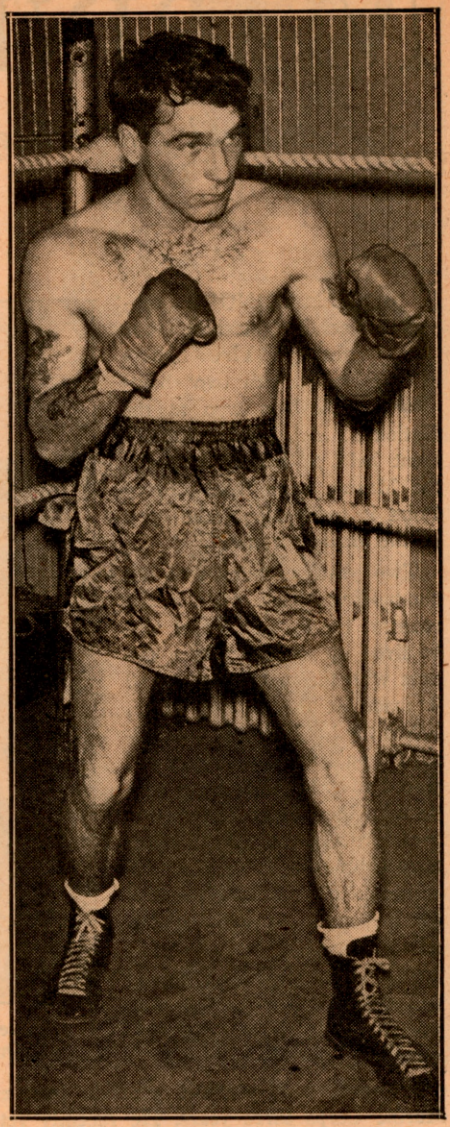
DON "SPARKY" DUQUETTE

DON "SPARKY" DUQUETTE, 22-year-old, 118-pound bantamweight from Worcester, Mass., has participated in thirteen bouts since his honorable discharge from the Navy, winning twelve via the knockout route and one by a decision.

During Sparky's four years in the Navy he received five Bronze Battle Stars, awarded to him for his service in five major battles. His Navy career was terminated



Luc Lima, New York lightweight boxer, who has become a big favorite in Fall River, Massachusetts



Don "Sparky" Duquette, young bantamweight from Worcester, Mass., who is slinging leather in New England rings.

shortly after he won the much coveted All-Pacific bantamweight title.

Kayoes over Silver Magee, Art Courtier, Ralph Trundeau, Danny King, and Nicky DeVanno are a few of the victories that have fattened the belt of Sparky as he fought his way through the "club fighters" in his attempt to reach the top.

He is slim of build and sports a good punch as is attested to by his string of one- and two-round knockouts. It is possible that Sparky may have the stuff that it takes to reach the select circle.

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SAMMY SECREET

SAMMY SECREET, 147, seasoned Pittsburgh welterweight who has made a successful comeback after serving five years and seven months in Uncle Sam's Navy, has defeated some of the top ranking men in his division. A veteran of 43 ring battles, he has taken the measure of such notables as Willie Joyce, Vic Dellicurti, Al Nettlow and Tony Ferrara. Since his discharge he has defeated Billy Walker in ten heats and Harold Green over the same route, although Green reversed this decision a month later.

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MARINES LAND TITLES

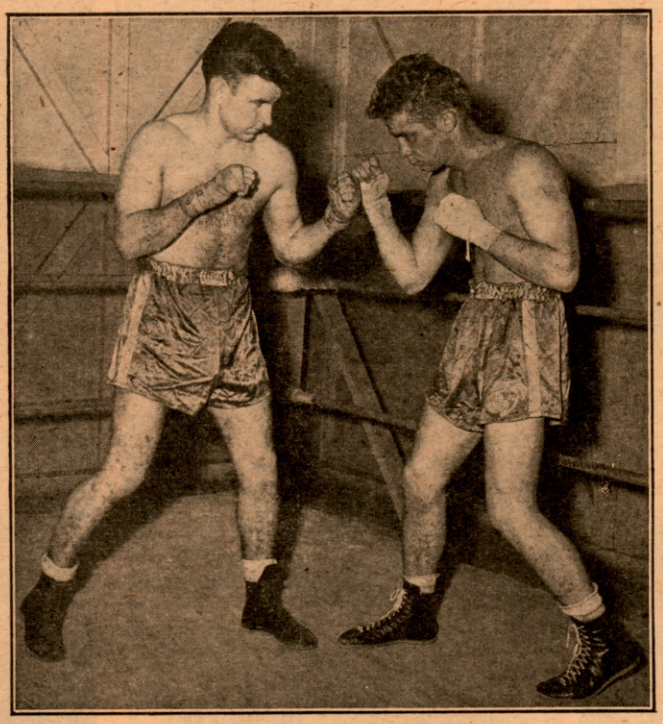
Anspach and Discepoli Carry Off Honors in National Amateur Championship Tournament

By CPL. TOM ORMSBY

CLIMAXING a successful punching tour through the hinterlands with two championships won at the National A.A.U. boxing tournament held at Boston recently, the Marine team from Cherry Point is today riding the crest of the amateur ranks.

Two years acclaimed as the outstanding service team in the country, the fighting Point outfit lived up to its advance notices with the magnificent stand it made at the Boston affair. When the final gong had sounded, the point scoring system had placed the Hawaiian team in a tie with the Cherry Point sluggers. In view of the 14-man team entered by the group from across the Pacific, the eight-man Marine outfit acquitted themselves honorably.

The two winners were Harold Anspach, 160-pound king, and Joe Discepoli, ruler of the 135-pounders.



Teammates Leon LeBlond and Joe Discepoli of the Cherry Point Marines boxing team square off before a gym workout.

Discepoli, a 21-year-old portside puncher, has been in the Marine Corps three years. He recently returned to the States after 17 months of Pacific duty. Joe was the Ohio State A.A.U. champ at 118 pounds in 1941, and the A.A.U. 135-pound top-notcher in the same state in 1943.

He was entitled to compete at Boston in both of these years, but his extreme youth prevented his entry the first time and an injured hand sidelined him in 1943.

Winner of the Marfairwest Tournament in 1944, Joe ruled the West Coast as an amateur lightweight in that year. This blond resident of Cincinnati expects to go to college when he is discharged from the Corps. Joe has won all nine of his scraps since he dropped anchor with the Cherry Pointers. He grabbed four straight to lead the Piedmont Gloves early in February of this year and walked off with five undisputed decisions in taking the crown at Boston.

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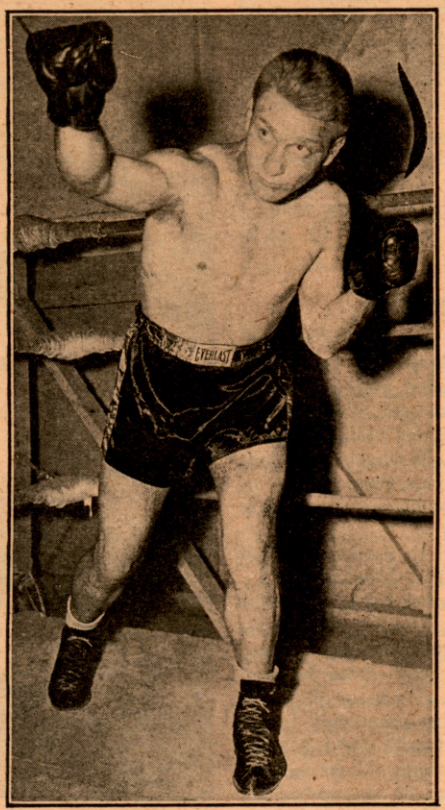
ANSPACH is a two-handed natural middleweight from Muncy, Pa. He was the outstanding puncher at the Boston affair. Harold sports a splendid record. He has won 62 and lost only two bouts. He registered 13 knockdowns and two K.O.'s over five badly battered foes before being acclaimed as the middleweight amateur champ of the United States.

"Hammerin'" Harold has over two years in the Marines and has come through in 57 of his 62 winning bouts—with K.O.'s. A truly remarkable record for a boy who never drew on gloves until entering the service.

Anspach won the middleweight crown and "Outstanding Performer" award at Greensboro, N. C., early in March, when he floored all three of his opponents. Last year he waltzed off with the middleweight honors at Washington, D. C. He expects to turn pro when he leaves the service. He will go with Johnny Abood, his former coach.



Harold Anspach of Pennsylvania, national amateur middleweight champion, who is expected to turn pro shortly.

The team is coached now by Johnny Kostas, who performed as a welter in 1944 when Johnny Abood was the mentor.

Abood, who was the coach of the Cherry Point boxing squad when he was a Marine, is now back in New York busily engaged with his knitting mill business. He also manages the three good scrappers he developed at the North Carolina leatherneck base.

Johnny's trio of tigers include Laverne Roach, a middleweight from Plainview, Texas, Howie Brodt of Utica, N. Y., and Al Highers from Oneida, N. Y. Brodt and Highers are both welterweights.

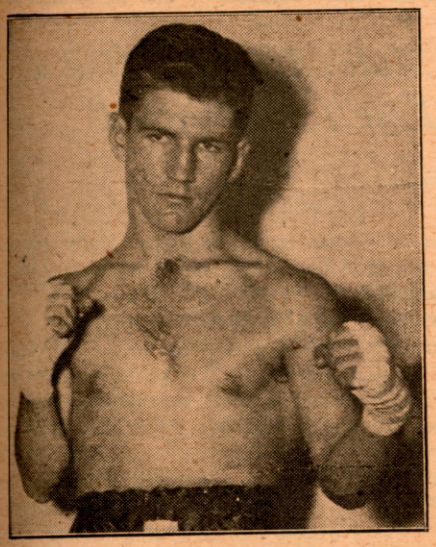
Both Brodt and Roach, who were sensations in the amateur ranks, have run into streaks of bad luck. Laverne, after scoring a few fast knockouts, suffered a defeat, and then looked so stale in training that Abood sent him home to his native Texas for a rest.

Brodt also got off to a corking start. Howie racked up six consecutive wins, including a couple of kayoes and then dropped a thriller to Lou Valles. Losing to Valles is no disgrace, but Brodt's hard luck asserted itself because his slugfest with Valles which should have been a Garden prelim sensation unfortunately followed the Rocky Graziano kayo over Marty Servo. Later it was discovered that Brodt had a bad appendix. In his next fight after an operation, Brodt suffered a cut eye and was stopped by Wayland Douglas.

In his most recent bout Brodt kayoed Wendy Wilson.

RING FAVORITES

By HARVEY THORNE



Frank Vigeant, recently discharged from the Coast Guard. Frank's dad and uncle were pretty fair fighters years ago.

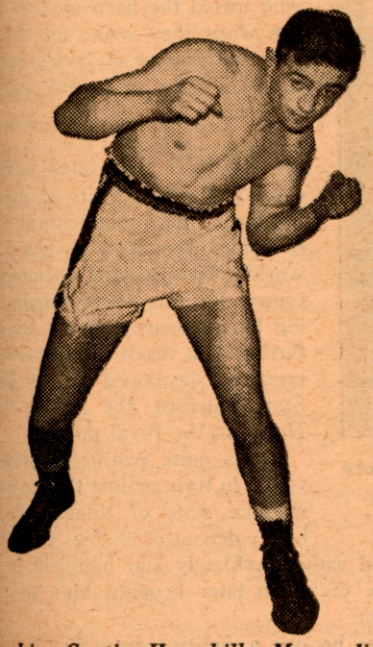
FRANKIE CONTI

FRANKIE CONTI, Haverhill lightweight, who just recently received his discharge from the U. S. Navy, is back in good boxing form. Conti, in his first start, fought the Los Angeles lightweight, Joey Barnum, at Worcester, Mass., and though the underdog, Conti gave a good account of himself.

The following week Conti came back at the same club against Georgie Red Schultz of Philadelphia and gave Schultz a going over to win the unanimous decision of the ring officials.

Conti was former New England amateur champion. In the Navy he boxed Joey Angelo, Jackie Larrimore, Young Chino and Jimmy Hatcher.

He is under the management of Billy Leonard, who, with his fighters returning from the service, will have a group of scrappers who will soon be on the go all over the country.



Frankie Conti, Haverhill, Mass., lightweight, who is showing good form.

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AUSTIN JOHNSON

ONE of New Jersey's heavyweight prospects is 23-year-old Austin Johnson, dynamite punching Atlantic City, N. J., battler, who has been mowing down all opposition in recent months. Weighing 190 pounds and standing six feet, one inch, the Atlantic City lad has a bright future, according to his managers, Freddy Boston and Dutch Campbell.

Johnson is a stand-up puncher who likes to slug it out with his opponents at close range. In 27 pro fights he has emerged victorious on 23 occasions. He dropped a disputed verdict to Jersey Joe Walcott at Camden, N. J., last summer and lost to Clint Conway and Willie (Red) Applegate, a protege of champion Joe Louis. He later trounced Applegate. He also lost to Georgie Parks.

The Atlantic City hopeful started fighting as an amateur back in 1939, winning 16 out of 17 battles and carrying off the Philadelphia *Inquirer* novice heavyweight championship and the Middle Atlantic A.A.U. heavyweight title in 1941.

He turned pro in 1942 and was undefeated until the time he lost to Walcott. When Boston, who trains Johnson, entered the Army in 1943, the youngster put up his gloves and did not fight again until his buddy returned home from war. Boston received his discharge last year and Johnson returned to action and has been setting a dizzy pace in New Jersey heavyweight ranks since that time.

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SAMMY ANDERS

ARRIVING on the Pacific Coast less than a year ago, Sammy Anders, Texas featherweight, is rapidly making his way up the fistic ladder.

Anders, a former choir boy in his father's missions, has engaged in 27 fights, losing six decisions. He has reversed three of these losses, two by kayoes.

This 20-year-old socker has scored kayoes over Pete Pacheco, Serio Mendoza, Jimmy Pera and Joey Alvano. He defeated Al Escobar, Babe Huerta, Mario Luna and Mando Soso. Anders recently dropped close decisions to the highly rated Fabela Chavez and to Eddie Sangster.

Sammy gained the distinction of being rated in Group I of the featherweights in THE RING'S annual rating of boxers.

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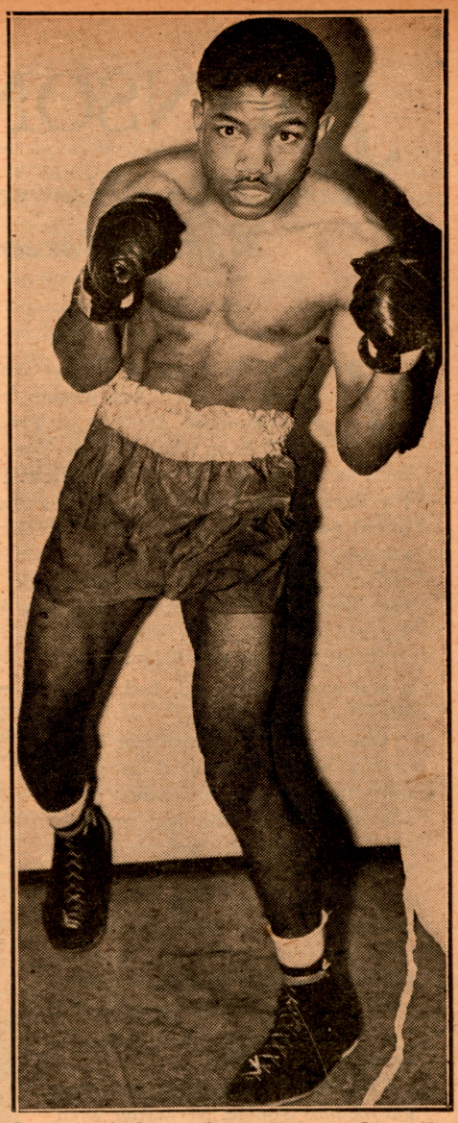
FRANK VIGEANT

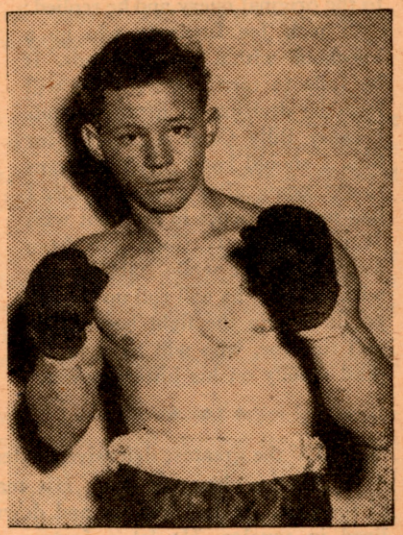
RECENTLY honorably discharged after three years in the Coast Guard, Frank Vigeant of Waterbury, Conn., a 21-year-old 138-pounder, has scored ten consecutive victories in as many starts since he resumed boxing.

Vigeant comes from a family of good scrappers. His uncle and his dad and brother were rated pretty fair when they were boxing. While in the Navy, Frank saw plenty of action, but managed, nevertheless, to squeeze in a few bouts, taking part in several Coast Guard tournaments.

Joe Steele, who manages Vigeant, is in no hurry to rush his charge, although he has already received several offers from Connecticut promoters to use Vigeant in star bouts.



Sammy Anders, classy 122-pounder, who has been making headway in California.



Jackie Blount, Jacksonville 130-pounder, who still attends high school.

JOHNSON, CRAFTIEST BOXER

First Negro Heavyweight Champion, Killed in Auto Accident, Had a Madcap Career—Won Title from Burns, Lost It to Willard

By NAT FLEISCHER

DEATH ended a strange career when Jack Johnson, former world heavyweight champion, was killed in an automobile accident at Franklinton, North Carolina, while en route to New York to attend the Louis-Conn fight as the guest of THE RING Editor. He was 68 years old. Only ten days prior to his passing, the Galveston Negro with the famed golden smile, had visited THE RING offices to bid the boys good-by before embarking on a lecture tour with a Southern circus. He flashed a large-sized check, one of the few times he had been in the big money in recent years, and laughingly remarked as he left for the South:

"Well, this is the beginning of a new era for your pal, Jack Johnson."

One of the ring's craftiest fighters, a boxer recognized as probably the greatest defensive pugilist of all time, the big, amiable, ever-kidding Negro appeared as if he had taken on a new lease of life after the many setbacks he had encountered in the past few years.

Before his departure, in the midst of RING employees among other fistic experts, the genial giant was asked for an opinion on the Louis-Conn battle.

"Whatever I say, Nat, will only get me into trouble. No matter what I say about Louis, the public generally regards my statement as an attack. They say that I am jealous of Joe. Why should I be? I think he is one of the greatest hitters of all time, but I still maintain that he cannot box and because of his poor stance and other faults, he cannot be regarded as a great all-around fighter."

With that, we pinned him down to the original query and he replied:

"I pick Joe Louis to win by a knockout within seven rounds. If he fails to turn the trick, he will lose the decision in fifteen rounds because Billy Conn is too fast for him. I should know what it means to get going after a long layoff. I had my experience in the fight with Jess Willard. If Conn can keep away from Joe while stabbing him with his jabs, he will roll up enough points to win the fight because he will tire Joe, who will have to depend wholly on his hitting power."

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The last photo of Jack Johnson, taken a fortnight before he was killed.

NOW the greatest defensive fighter that ever donned a pair of boxing gloves is dead. His mad-cap existence is a thing of the past. He had his ups and downs. He lived in luxury and lived in squalor. He let a fortune of a million or more pass through his hands when wine, women and song were his way of enjoying life, but he more than made up for his early mistakes when he was at the height of his career, by the exemplary life he led following his downfall.

That's why I liked Jack Johnson. Probably no person in the boxing business or the writing field was closer to the jolly fellow than I was. I fought his battles when I knew he deserved the protection of the press and I battled against him when his misdeeds brought disrepute to the sport which gave him his fame and fortune.

At the height of his fistic fame he was arrogant, a show-off, but after he had paid for his folly, there was no finer gentleman in the field of sports than Jack Johnson. He had a heart as white as that of any man and I took great pleasure in calling him my friend. Many times I went to the mat for him when he found himself in need of a friend and he repaid me doubly for that kindness by his acts in the latter period of his life. I thoroughly disagree with those who have maligned him in death because of his past deeds.

When the first World War broke, he tried desperately to enlist in some branch of the U. S. armed forces, but because he was a fugitive due to the Mann Act charge against him, this was refused him. Then came World War Number Two and I doff my hat to Jack Johnson for the many things he did to aid our wounded in hospitals in this country and to entertain the boys in the camps. Few who tossed the harpoon into Johnson when they wrote his obituary, apparently knew of Jack's work on behalf of the wounded and sick servicemen.

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JOHNSON was fated never to enjoy the full fruits of prosperity that should in the natural course of things benefit the winner of a world's heavyweight championship crown. He was never popular during his occupancy of the pugilistic throne, as a result of the racial antagonism developed in the United States against the robing of a Negro in the royal purple.

Jack's quite justifiable pride revolted in turn against this unsportsmanlike state of things. He was boldly defiant of his foes and critics, spent money freely, lived rather recklessly and indulged in several wild escapades, one of which later brought him into conflict with the Government.

As a result of this, he became a fugitive from the law, and fled abroad. He made three ring appearances in Paris during

1913, winning a twenty-round decision over Frank Moran, knocking out a Russian named Sproul in two rounds, and fighting an eight-round draw with Jim Johnson.

So far as active ring work was concerned, he remained idle in 1914, but in the year following, on April 5, 1915, he met Jess Willard in a scheduled forty-five-round fight at Havana, Cuba, and lost his title on a knockout in twenty-six rounds.

Having been present at Reno when Johnson reached the culminating point of his fighting career, it fitted nicely into the eternal scheme of things that I should occupy a press seat on the eventful occasion that deprived him of his high honors.

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THE cause of his defeat may to a certain extent be attributed to that lack of proper condition which brought about the downfall of Jim Jeffries. Not that Johnson was a physical wreck or in any degree even approaching that condition.

On the contrary, he was still a robust athlete at the age of thirty-seven, wise in the subtle craft that comes of long-fighting experience, and had only been idle a year, so far as actual ring work was concerned.

But the lean, panther-like trim that distinguished him at Reno was no longer in evidence. He had grown heavier, thicker around the middle. His magically quick straight left was as deadly efficient as ever. Yet his movements in general, were slower, more deliberate than of old. It would have been difficult to identify any one necessary quality of the fighting man in which he was lacking. Yet, even making allowance for the handicap imposed by the passage of time, there was a decided difference between the Johnson of Reno and the Johnson of Havana.

Maybe one could best express it in the lines written by Oliver Wendell Holmes to describe the gradual disintegration of the "Wonderful One Hoss Shay":

"No place in particular one might say,
Just a general flavor of mild decay!"

Now Willard, five years younger than Johnson, was for the first and only time in his life trained absolutely to a hair. Jess hated training. He was of a naturally lethargic disposition, a man who liked to loaf along quietly both in and out of the ring.

But this time, his handlers had worked over him for nearly a year, driving him mercilessly, watching his every move, grinding by incessant road work and gym toil all the superfluous flesh off his giant frame. Toward the finish of his long and intense training spell he grew as irritable and savage as a chained leopard. In other words, he was "on edge," a sharpened, fit, fighting human instrument of marvelous efficiency.

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I HAVE said that at Reno Johnson looked as if he could have boxed a hundred rounds without turning a hair. The same comment could have been appropriately applied to Willard at Havana—but not to his opponent. And it was the vital asset of endurance that was to prove a winning factor for the white man.

The first round opened with Johnson feinting his big opponent into knots and apparently landing at will on face and body with lightning lefts and rights. Willard was slow in countering, and both in this and the three following rounds Johnson's superior cleverness made Jess seem awkward and clumsy.

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BUT this was what Willard's backers expected and had him trained for. Jess was out to go the distance. Johnson was there for a quick finish if possible, or else with the hope of wearing down his giant adversary.

Up to and including the eighth round, Johnson was the aggressor. He was reaching big Jess with both hands, rushing him repeatedly to the ropes, outslugging him at short range and peppering him with a fusillade of sharpshooting jabs when the ex-cowboy tried to box him.

But though Jess was bleeding at the mouth and an open cut showed on his right cheekbone, I could see that the big fellow was more annoyed than distressed by Johnson's best blows. Also, Jess was gaining confidence. In the ninth round Willard suddenly assumed the offensive.

He rushed Johnson like an enraged bull, and in the mixup that followed a right from Willard started the blood from Jack's mouth, and wiped off the confident grin that had until then shone on the Negro's features. Johnson staged a rally and they were slugging on the ropes at the bell.

It was at this juncture that I realized that while there was plenty of fight still in Johnson, the latter's hardest punches might stagger Willard, but were unable either to slow him down or hurt the giant to any serious extent.

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FROM the tenth to the twentieth session Johnson kept trying for a knockout and landed probably four to one punches in the mixups that ensued. But he was pounding a man of iron, and as the battle went into its twenty-first-round stage, it was evident that Jack had shot his bolt.

Johnson was plainly tired, and Willard's superb condition enabled him to keep forcing the issue. The pace slowed down, because Johnson no longer could use forcing tactics and Willard, while aggressive, had set himself to wearing down his older opponent.

Still the champion held off the giant with his straight stabbing left, but there was no more dynamite in his blows. Willard was winning, not in spectacular fashion, but by dogged perseverance and a steady advance as irresistible as Fate.

Johnson was slow in answering the bell for the twenty-sixth, and, as it proved, the final round. Willard met him more than two-thirds of the way across the ring. Jess sent a long left to the face. Johnson's head snapped back, and before he could recover his fighting position, Willard smashed him full on the stomach with a heavy right.

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JOHNSON clinched for dear life, and Referee Welsh broke them apart. Willard put a hard left to the body, and as Johnson's guard dropped, swung a powerful right squarely on the point of the jaw. Johnson's legs buckled under him, and he fell, rolling over on his back. Welsh waved Willard away and began the count.

Up and down went the referee's hand. Johnson did not move. He lay supine, with his right arm thrown across his eyes, shading them. At "ten," Welsh turned and held up Willard's right-hand glove. A new champion had replaced Jack Johnson!

In many ways the battle at Havana was one of the most interesting I have witnessed. It was not a thrilling affair, such as Jack Dempsey was to make us familiar with by his quick-finish ring melodramas in the future.

Yet it was not devoid of the thrill element, especially up to the twentieth round when Johnson was trying with all his might to put over a kayo wallop. For there was always the chance that the champion might succeed. Many a bout has come to an unexpected ending when least expected.

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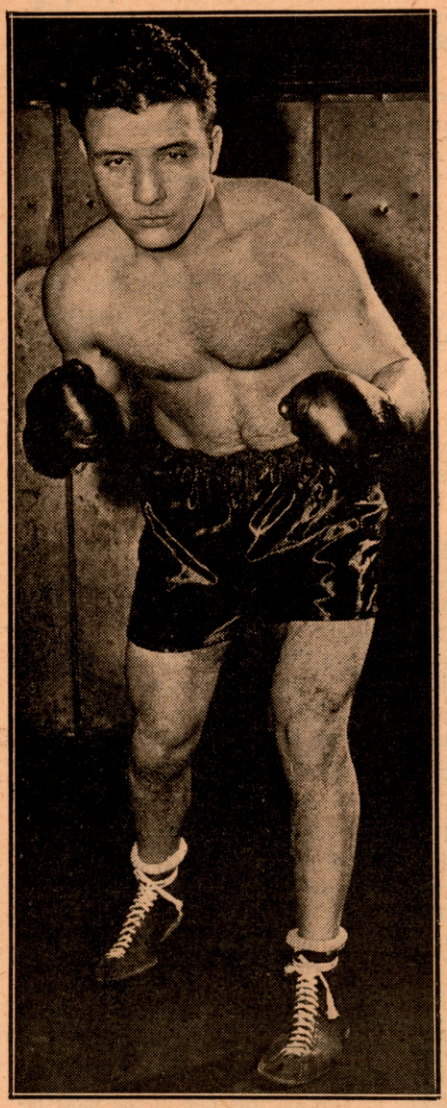
OF ONE thing I was thoroughly convinced—that it was fought strictly on its merits. Nor have I ever had reason to change my opinion. Four years later Johnson came out with a published statement in which he claimed that he deliberately "threw" the fight.

Later on he made an affidavit to that effect which is still in my possession at THE RING Magazine office. Johnson was "broke" at the time, and for that reason I paid him the sum of $250 for the affidavit in question. But I never published it, because I was of the opinion that Jack was romancing in order to salve his wounded pride.

I am aware that many writers saw fit to cast suspicion on the outcome of the Havana battle. One point stressed by many was the attitude of Johnson as he lay taking the count. They pointed out that he shielded his eyes from the brilliant rays of the Havana sun which blazed fiercely down upon the arena all through the contest, and urged that Jack must *(Continued on page 30)*

The FIGHTER *and the* MAN

By IRVING RUDD



Jake LaMotta, one of the busiest of all fighters, a man of many vocations.

HAVE you ever wondered what sort of fellow your favorite fighter is like outside the ring? Away from the tension and turmoil of training, or removed from the glare of the ring spotlight, many of the outstanding name fighters prove to be extremely interesting personalities who have hobbies and traits that are unique when one considers that too often the popular conception of a pugilist is that of a dumb, uneducated brute who knows nothing more than to hammer out a living with his fists.

To Jake LaMotta, leading contender for middleweight honors, must go the undisputed laurels as the busiest avocationist in boxing. In addition to pursuing his career as the No. 1 160 pounder, LaMotta finds time to dabble in real estate, train Doberman pinschers, teach the neighborhood kids how to box, and is on the Board of Directors of the Park Arena in the Bronx.

In fact it was LaMotta who first saw the possibilities of converting a deserted, ramshackle theatre known as the Blenheim into the modernistic Park Arena boxing club.

Ray Robinson plays the piano well and can hold his own with any of the theatrical leaders when it comes to dancing and singing.

Jersey Joe Walcott made his living in a shipyard when he retired from boxing temporarily.

Bruce Woodcock, the English heavyweight champion, is still a railroad maintenance man.

Bob Boucher, a young middleweight, now campaigning in local rings, was an Army Air Force fighter pilot who temporarily laid aside his plans to finish medical school to become a boxer.

Georgie Abrams, outstanding middleweight contender, is an excellent cartoonist.

Archie Moore is a restaurateur with a huge establishment in California.

Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, the Southern lightweight, is an expert hair stylist and operates a beauty parlor in Sarasota, Florida.

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OUTSIDE the ring heavyweight champion Joe Louis is a modest, inconspicuous, dignified citizen. At one time phlegmatic, uncommunicative, almost distrustful of people, Joe, with many years of travel and army experience behind him, has developed into a more genial personality, a fellow who enjoys a good joke, and feels at ease in all types of company.

Louis has many hobbies and being a good example of a clean living American, his diversions run mostly to sports. Before the war Louis organized a Negro softball team, managed it, and played with the boys when training routine for a fight did not interfere. Joe rarely misses a game featuring his hometown favorites, the Detroit Tigers, if he can help it.

Horseback riding comes a close second on Louis' list of hobbies. The Brown Bomber owns an enormous ranch in Michigan. He breeds horses there and owns a small circular track for riding purposes. His love for horses was so great that he was the happiest man in the world when the army assigned him to the cavalry at Fort Riley, Kansas, when he enlisted in 1942.

A natural athlete, Louis has also mastered the game of golf and devotes a lot of his spare time to it. This year the great ambassador of the Negro race hopes to resume sponsorship of the Joe Louis National Negro Open Golf Tourney, an annual tournament he ran before the war intervened.

Joe loves to sleep and usually hits the hay for an average of fourteen hours per day. He gets a terrific kick out of the comic strips. Superman, Dick Tracy and Joe Palooka are his three favorites. He is intensely loyal to his pals, loves children, and also finds relaxation in the movies and radio. Bing Crosby and Bob Hope are his favorites.

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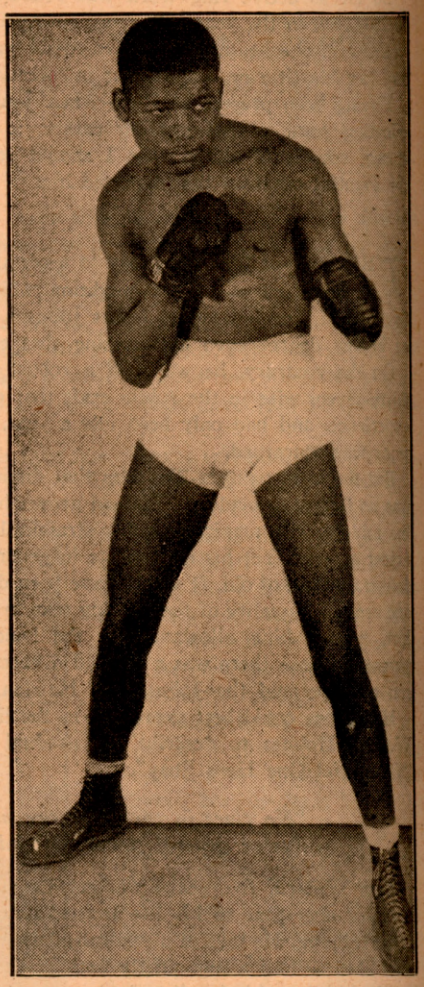
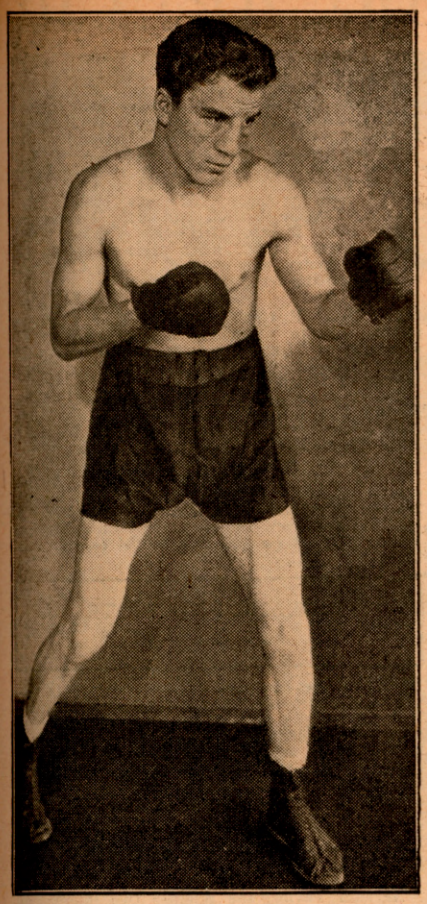
AS for Billy Conn he is exactly the opposite of Louis when it comes to temperament. Billy is the kind of fellow who likes crowds, boisterous fun, the race track, the Broadway mob, and a good game of poker. He is a devout Catholic and a likeable happy-go-lucky guy. Billy has thousands of personal friends all over the country.



Ray Robinson, a pianist and tap dancer with extraordinary ability.

His relationship to his kid brother Jackie hasn't changed despite fame and popularity. Despite the Kilkenny cat attitude of both men, inwardly there is a deep feeling of mutual respect and admiration. Jackie still vows he can wallop the tar out of the handsome Pittsburgh challenger in a street fight and poor Johnny Ray, Conn's manager, has to be constantly on the alert to prevent Jackie from upsetting the applecart. Only a few weeks ago the kid brother almost caused a postponement of the fight with Louis when he played a prank while Conn's trainer was cutting the bandages from Billy's hands with the result that Conn was cut on the hand.

Billy will go all out for a fellow he likes. He searched all over for his old Irish sparmate, the veteran Mickey McAvoy, Brooklyn heavyweight, and found him driving a beer truck. Conn lured Mickey from behind the wheel by offering him three times as much as he was making as a driver. Conn not only desired McAvoy as a sparmate, but needed him badly, for Mickey is a good story teller, a great pal, and provides the Conn camp with lots of laughs. There's never a dull moment when you're in the company of William David Conn!



Tippy Larkin, the only fighter who uses hunting as part of his training program.

IT is extremely difficult to believe that the tigerish Rocky Graziano, who blasts his foes into submission with fearsome ferocity, is a jovial, hail-fellow-well-met when he pulls off his fighting togs.

The Rockem-Sockem Italian kid, whose given name is Thomas, is pretty much the same sort of fellow as when he was plodding along the small club circuit, a slugger without much future.

Today, with the possible exception of Louis and Conn, Graziano is the most popular pugilist in the world. He is cheered wherever he goes and is in great demand for appearances at charity functions and other affairs. Rocky never turns any of these requests down if he can help it. His bizarre, flamboyant, uninhibited taste for clothing is known to fight followers all over the country.

It is not unusual to see Graziano, who abhors neckties, appear in the ring when being introduced at Madison Square Garden in peg pants, sharpie sandals, a garish bright-colored sports jacket or sweater, and tousled black hair, rarely combed. On one occasion at a small club he climbed into the ring for an introduction with the usual tieless sports shirt, but wore a woolen skating hat of bright red!

Rocky is completely unaffected by the fame that has come to him. He still pals with his old cronies downtown. It is not unusual to see a tribe of kids accompanying the Rock wherever he goes. In Brooklyn where he recently bought a home, Mrs. Graziano is kept busy all day telling the youngsters when Rocky is expected home. His naturalness is so unbelievable as to be startling. A fight fan who had met Graziano casually several weeks earlier, was startled to see the dynamic middleweight contender approach him with a hearty handshake and backslap.

His mild manner is in direct contrast to his fighting fury in the ring. A reporter relates how Rocky, visiting Mike Jacobs' office, was accosted by a complete stranger who bellowed: "So you're the guy who never wears a necktie!" Then the pest, an utter unknown to Graziano, pawed at the ring killer's muffler, pushing it askew to reveal that Rocky did *not* wear a necktie! Whereas Graziano would have been perfectly justified in belting the nuisance, he gracefully grinned and passed it off as just another penalty of his new found fame.

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ANTHONY FLORIAN ZALESKI, the world's middleweight champion, whom you know better as Tony Zale, the man who defends his title against Rocky Graziano in July, is another of our boxing champs who likes baseball. Zale proved his adaptability away from boxing by becoming a topnotch physical instructor for the Navy during the war. Although the remuneration would be far less than his earnings as a boxing champion, Zale can take his place tomorrow beside the best steel mill worker standing in front of the hot blast furnaces.

Tony went to work in the steel mills at Gary, Indiana, his hometown, at an early age. In July, 1935, he quit the ring after a few setbacks to go back to the steel mills. Tony Zale, although no man of letters, like other good fighters, has proved he can make his living at an ordinary trade like anyone else besides fighting for money.

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SWITCHING the topic back to heavyweights one must not overlook the new Cinderella Man of Boxing, Jersey Joe Walcott. "The Brown Braddock" as he is now called, is like his Skeeter State predecessor, a graduate of the relief rolls, yet despite his new found fame as a leading heavyweight challenger he is still the same gracious individual.

Walcott is a qualified construction worker. During the war he worked in a shipyard. Father of six children, the 31-year-old Negro is a good family man and likes nothing better than to be home with his kiddies. Generous to a fault, Joe is always handing out good sums of money to any old buddy with a hard luck story—even in times like these.

Years ago in Merchantville, New Jersey High School, Walcott was a good all-around athlete. For a nice, gentle-mannered chap whose right name is Arnold Cream, Jersey Joe Walcott is quite a rough, tough, two-fisted terror in the ring.

Another fighter from New Jersey, Tippy Larkin, is probably one of the best huntsmen in the sports world. An expert shot with a rifle, Larkin is perhaps the only modern day fighter who uses hunting as part of his training regimen. Many of the old timers improved their wind, strengthened their legs, and built up their endurance with long treks through wooded lands in search of game.

Larkin once threw his camp into a turmoil when he suffered an accidental wound in the shoulder when a gun suddenly went off. Luckily the wound was superficial and Tippy escaped serious injury. Tippy still loves the outdoors and trains for every fight no matter how small or how very important at a training camp in the country where hunting plays a large part in his conditioning.

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RAY ROBINSON, as noted earlier, is quite talented when it comes to entertaining, but of late, recognizing the seriousness of the problems that beset the youth of this country, and the current cases of juvenile delinquency, Ray has donated several thousands of dollars to various organizations which help youngsters and guide them properly.

Manuel Ortiz, the great little bantamweight champ, who takes on any and all challengers, could retire to-morrow to his huge truck farm at El Centro, California. A shrewd produce merchant, Manuel was making a living with his farm long before he became famous as a boxer. He too, is a family man, and with opposition in the 118 pound class dwindling more and more, the next year or two may see the El Centro farmer retire to the rustic comfort becoming a country squire.

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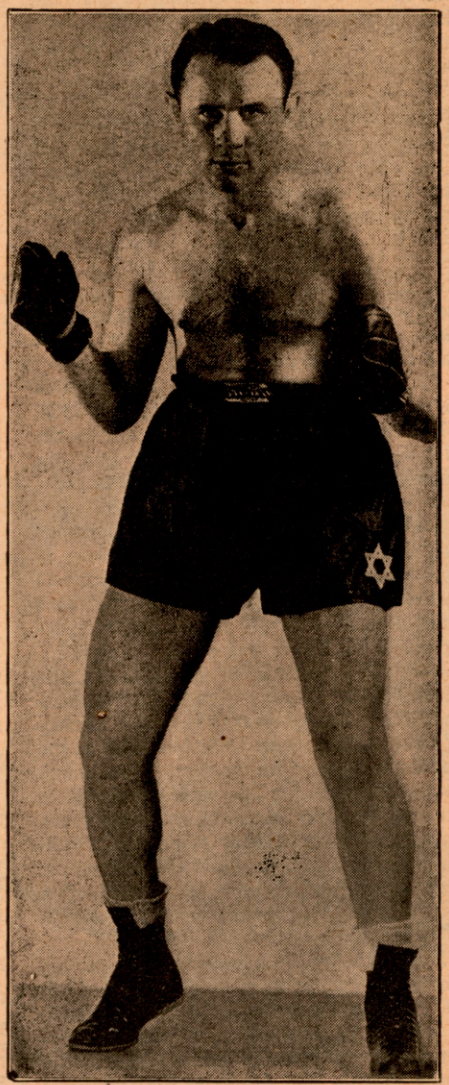

Georgie Abrams who will join the ranks of cartoonists when he hangs up his gloves.

Middleweights In Spotlight

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nities where bouts were run on the ten-round, no-verdict basis, and under these favorable conditions, for him, managed to keep his grip on the middleweight title for nearly three years—a fact which leads one to suspect that Al McCoy must have been a much better fighter than he received credit for being, even if he did stall considerably, and had things staged to suit him.

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HOWEVER, his detractors had to wait until the night of November 17, 1917, to see that trick turned by Mike O'Dowd in six rounds. If no great warrior fame attaches to the career of Mr. Al McCoy, he at least enjoyed the distinction of being the one middleweight champ that people gladly paid money to see perform in the hope of seeing him flattened like a newly-laid rug. Also, for a long time, he had the fun of giving them the laugh, and the satisfaction of building up his bank account to a respectable figure.

As a thrill-maker in the ring few equalled Harry Greb, whose erratic tactics, unconventional style of boxing and catlike speed caused the late Bill McGeehan to comment that "Harry comes closer to a nightmare conception of a human buzz-saw than any pug that ever clouted a jawbone!"

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HIS battle with Mickey Walker at the New York Polo Grounds in 1925 was a miniature cyclone affair that had the spectators on their toes and cheering like madmen in many of its wild sessions. Walker, himself a regular lynx of the woods at the tear-in stuff, mixed matters with a will. But for once he had an opponent who was superior to him in that sort of battling, and Greb carried off the decision after fifteen rounds of hectic milling.

He was spectacular to the end, even in his last fight with Tiger Flowers in 1926, when he lost the middleweight title to the Negro, from whom it passed into the possession of Mickey Walker. Few folks were aware at the time of the Flowers combat that Greb was practically blind in one eye, and had been fighting right along in that condition for over a year. But such was the case, and within twelve months' time Greb died as a result of an operation designed to aid his failing sight.

While no budding fistic genius of the Fitzsimmons, Tommy Ryan, Stanley Ketchel, Billy Papke, Harry Greb or Mickey Walker calibre seems to be hovering on the pugilistic horizon at present, it is worth noting that such periods of mediocrity have occurred in every class at certain intervals. During the almost three-year reign of Al McCoy, for instance, middleweight talent, generally speaking, was at a pretty low ebb, and only picked up with the advent of Greb, Flowers and Walker.

Now Rocky Graziano has picked up where these great stars of the past had left off. A showman to the nth degree, a puncher of the highest order, a colorful two-fisted socker of the tear-'em-in order, Rocky is the magnet that draws in the thousands at the gate as did Walker, Ketchel, Greb, among other stars of the past.

Johnson, Craftiest Boxer

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have been in full possession of his senses, or he would never have done that.

But a man can be knocked out of time without having his senses clean beaten out of him. Johnson had reached the limit of his endurance and the protection of his eyes from the sun may have been a purely automatic action. To me it appeared perfectly natural.

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GRADUALLY Johnson disappeared from the picture thereafter, fighting in Spain for the most part until in 1919 he went to Mexico City to win a fight from Capt. Bob Roper.

In 1920 he arranged for his surrender to Federal marshals who awaited him as he stepped across the border. Old and fleshy when he emerged from Leavenworth prison, Johnson intermittently undertook a ring come-back thereafter, with indifferent success, until in May, 1926, Bob Lawson knocked him out in seven rounds of a scheduled twelve-round bout at Juarez, Mexico.

He finally retired from the ring in 1928 after a six-round bout with Bill Hartwell in Kansas City.

The broad-shouldered Negro fought all comers from 1899 to 1924 and held the heavyweight crown from 1908 to 1915.

Johnson went to Sydney, New South Wales, to win the heavyweight title in 1908, knocking out Tommy Burns in the 14th round, when police had to stop the fight to save the loser from further battering.

Among Johnson's most memorable fights was his 15th-round knockout of Jim Jeffries at Reno, Nev., on July 4, 1910. Jeffries, the former titleholder, came out of retirement in an effort to regain the title, but Johnson laid him low in a bout that was billed as a finish fight.

NEVADA FISTIC NEWS

By CLARENCE HECKETHORN

LAS VEGAS is the only city in Nevada staging boxing at this time, which means that the dapper Dick Russell is *the* boxing promoter of our state. And Russell is doing some really big-time promoting in the sporty little city. He has brought in many of the California main-eventers and before the summer is over he intends to feature some of the Coast's topnotchers in outdoor shows.

Las Vegas has been having two shows monthly, but Russell starts staging weekly fights this month. The gates have been grossing close to $3000, which speaks well for our sporting class of people. We doubt that there is any other city of so small a population that can boast such gates.

Among the better known boxers who have appeared at Las Vegas in recent months are Carlos Malacara, Jose (Baby) Gonzales, Don Lee, Eddie Hudson, R. J. Lewis, Mike DeLia, Mad Anthony Jones, Vicente Villavicencio, Matt Oglesby, Raul Zenit Cruz and Max Hutchins.

Don Lee, the latest edition of the Nebraska Wildcats, and Max Hutchins, hard-punching Negro middleweight of Los Angeles, fought ten tough, stubborn rounds to a draw at the Last Frontier Hotel Stadium, Las Vegas' outdoor arena.

In the two six-round features, R. J. Lewis, Denver Negro veteran, beat Alex Franco, Phoenix, Ariz., and Freddie Taylor, Denver lightweight, fought a draw with Billy Hale, Phoenix Negro.

Other results: Cuerta Lopez, Phoenix, decisioned Billy McCann, Las Vegas, in four; Paul Dominguez, Safford, Ariz., K.O.'ed Ted McGowen, Las Vegas, in the fourth; Belford Fox, Las Vegas, defeated Jimmy Kincey.

The promotional genius of Russell is shown by his recognition of promising youngsters. It requires courage to book these youngsters in main-events before a crowd who knows nothing of them. The promoter's reputation is at stake in such billing. However, Russell knows "fighting flesh" and to date, not one of these "prospects" has failed to make good. It was Dick who built up Fabela Chavez of Los Angeles (now the rage of Hollywood), at the time Chavez could not box in California because of his age. Russell then gave Alfredo Escobar his big chance, a crack at Chavez, which Escobar won and thereby became one of the most-talked-of boxers in Los Angeles.

The local promoter has now booked Jackie McCoy, Frankie Russell and Babe Edwards for fights next month. And these three "young bloods" figure to add more prestige for the Las Vegas promoter, as they rank among California's most promising boxers.

In Dick Russell's second offering of the month, Vicente Villavicencio, hard-punching middleweight of Tijuana, Mexico, pounded out a 10-round decision win over Roman Starr, rugged Indian of Oklahoma City.

In the two six-round specials, R. J. Lewis, Denver Negro, fought to a tough draw with the rugged Cowboy Doug Smith, Phoenix, Ariz., and Billy Hale, Phoenix Negro lightweight, stopped Donnie Maes, Denver veteran, in the fifth heat.

Other results: Frankie Antuna, Los Angeles, decisioned Billy McCann, Las Vegas, in four; Marcus Diaz, Las Vegas, and Rocky Modugno, Los Angeles, drew in four; Vic Santa Cruz, Las Vegas, K.O.'ed Belford Fox in the second.

PHILADELPHIA NOTES

By NAT FRANK

AFTER several months rest, due to illness, celebrating the home coming of our son and daughter from the wars, having birthdays for the little lady and yours truly, plus a 26th wedding anniversary, we have come to the conclusion that the period of laziness is terminated and back to RING columnizing. We know that our column has been missed in the Boxing Bible, but take it from us, we didn't ignore the readers intentionally. Henceforth we will "bat out" our monthly notes in sufficient time to have the items printed in your favorite fistic magazine.

Herman Taylor, the number two international fistic impresario, is continuing to stage outdoor shows regularly at the Arena Stadium and if anything approaching a major natural, this type of glove offering will be waged at either Shibe Park, home of our major league baseball representatives, or the vast Municipal Auditorium, the spot where Gene Tunney dethroned Jack Dempsey. Of course, Taylor's indoor operations will be concentrated at the Arena and with something extraordinary coming up, the punchfests will be promoted at the ultra modern Convention Hall.

Old timers will well remember the late Jack McGuigan, who promoted at the old National A. C. McGuigan's son, Joe, is following in the footsteps of his father. He is currently promoting at the Valley Forge A. C., located on Ridge Pike, in Montgomery, about a mile below Norristown. The club that the younger McGuigan has is a year-round punching parlor and seats about 3,000 comfortably.

In the summer months, the club is a country air-cooled arena. In the colder weather, the fans watch the fights in the comfort of a warm building.

McGuigan doesn't pretend that his club is a major one. In fact, he uses Montgomery Country Clubbing Centre as a means of developing talent for the major clubs.

Back in 1930, Joe McGuigan promoted at the Auditorium of Norristown, and likewise did quite well in the manufacturing of novices into star performers.

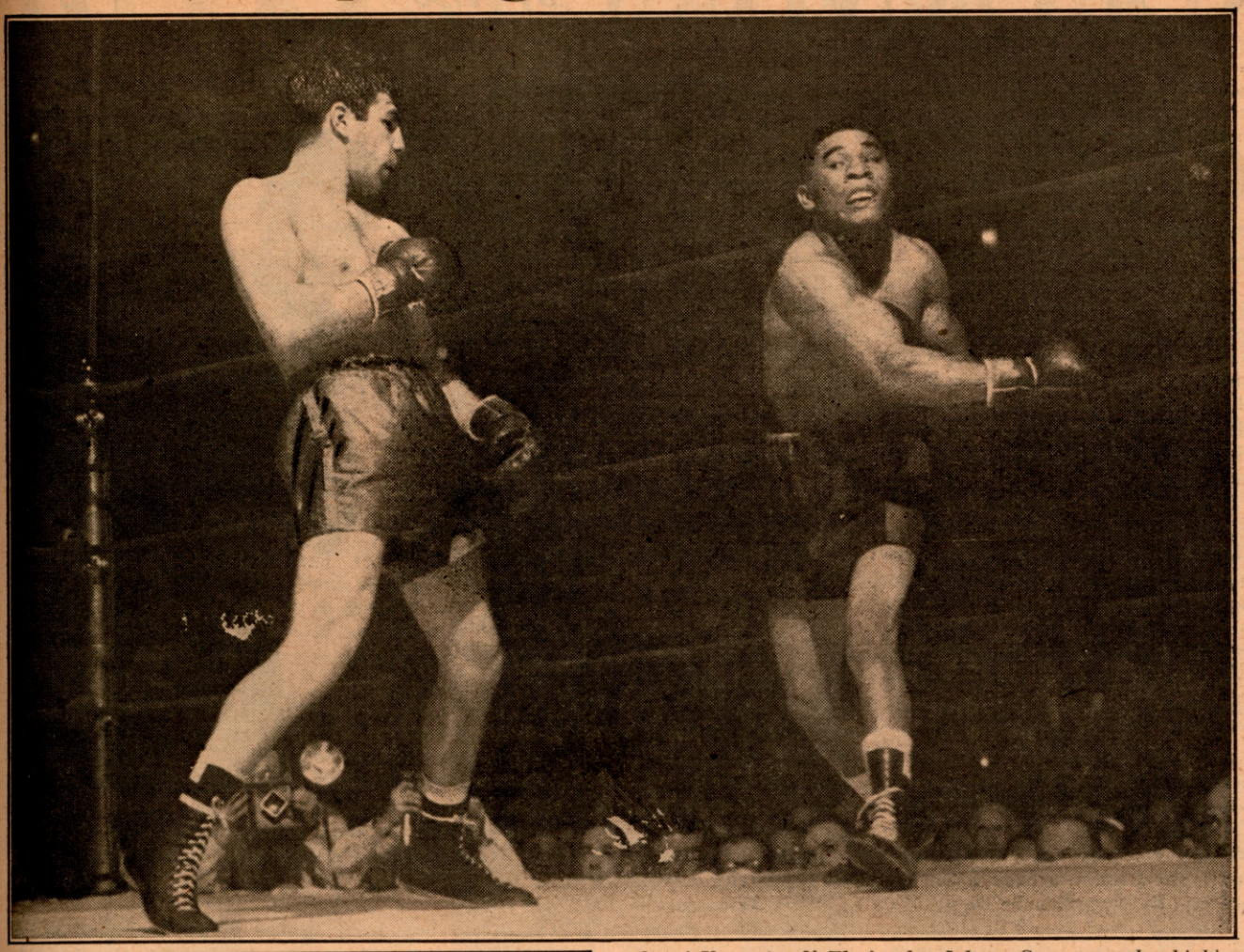
Like his famous dad, Joe was in turn an amateur fistman, a second, trainer, manager, referee and a promoter.

Dusty Wilkerson is a civilian again . . . Prior to Dusty's entry into the service of Uncle Sam, he had impressed fans and critics as a heavyweight of promise . . . He is managed by Stan Frankel, who reports that his walloping Wilkerson is now scaling around the 190-pound mark . . . Jimmy Collins, the Herman Diamond-Jack Puggy whirlwind, is about ripe for big league competition in the featherweight-lightweight division . . . Rudy Gansky, manager of an all-fighting stable, including George LaRover, lightweight, and Freddy Sammons, two-fisted welter belter, is on the road to recovery from an emergency appendicitis operation and an attack of pneumonia.

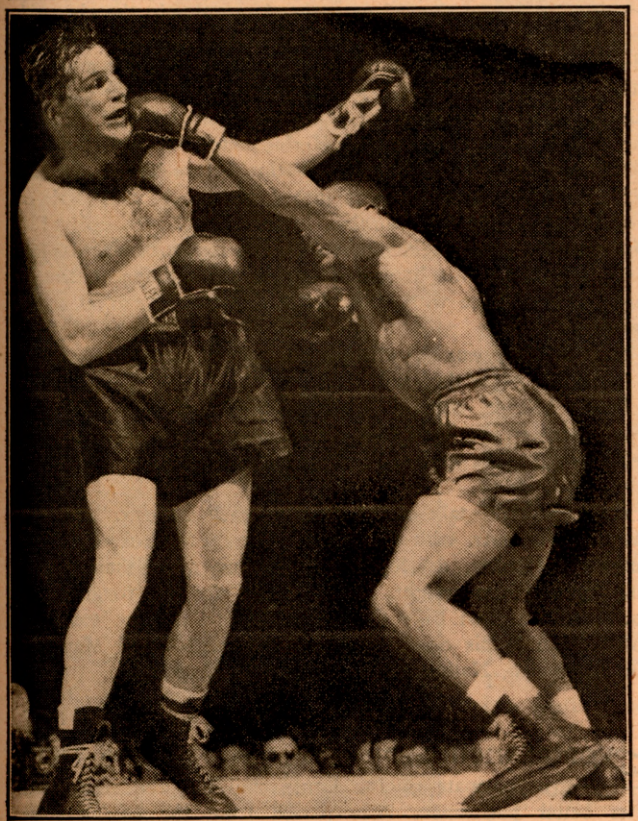
Jersey Joe Walcott is the number one contender for the world heavyweight championship. And Jersey Joe hails from Camden, N. J.

Tony Georgette, who is 40 years of age but doesn't look any older than his late twenties, boasts of a trio of fistmen under his management. They are Pedro Firpo, the seasoned lightweight, who has fought the best in the game and is one of the outstanding club fighters now before the public; Vince Lauria, a bantamweight, who is making such rapid headway in the 118-pound class, having scored 15 consecutive victories, seven by knockouts, and Gene Jones, a very promising heavyweight.

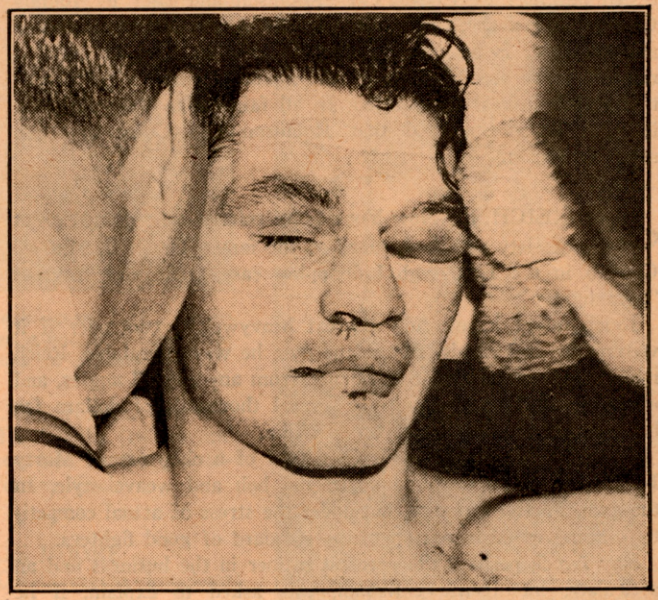
In Fistic Spotlight Here and Abroad



Oops! You missed! That's what Johnny Greco must be thinking as he pulls back from a vicious right aimed by Beau Jack in a recent go at the Garden. The ex-shoeshine boy from Georgia, pacing himself smartly, won handily from Greco in a good bout. This was the second meeting between the two, the first fray ending in a draw. Jack weighing 141½, indicated he will confine his campaigning among the welterweights.



Jersey Joe Walcott, veteran Negro heavyweight, scores with a stiff left to the face of Lee Oma whom he had just floored in the first round of a Garden go. Walcott eliminated the Detroiter as a contender.



Bruce Woodcock, the winnah—believe it or not! The British champ appears to have come off second best in his 12-rounder with Freddie Mills at London according to this photo. Bruce beat Mills, however.

CHAMPS *of the* GYM

By IRVING RUDD

ON a bleak January afternoon in Stillman's Gym some six years ago, the eyes of a packed audience were focussed upon Ring No. 1, the squared circle to the left. There, Pedro Montanez, at that time a colorful top-ranking contender for lightweight honors, was sparring with an unknown young Negro.

Head down, in a shuffling crouch like Henry Armstrong's, the newcomer kept coming forward, making Montanez miss with whistling rights and lefts by inches as he bobbed and weaved. From rope to rope he pursued Pedro, pinned him against the strands, and belabored him with smashing rights and lefts. After three rounds, during which time it was hard to judge which was the contender and which the sparmate, the Negro youngster left the gym ring accompanied by a rousing ovation from the customers.

The lad's name was Cleo McNeal and he hailed from Ohio. Here was a fistic diamond in the rough destined to become a champion. Yet as you scan the records you find that McNeal was only a fair pugilist—another example of what is known to boxing as a "gym fighter."

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THERE have been numerous examples of boxers who came out of obscurity to hog the spotlight briefly as they suddenly electrified the railbirds in a local gym or training camp.

Tony Canzoneri, at the tail end of his career, used to amuse gymnasium onlookers as he worked with a baby-faced sixteen-year-old flyweight named Vincent Fazio. Resembling Canzoneri both facially and in action, Fazio was employed by Tony solely for speed. Although the ex-champion rarely let go with hard wallops, it was amazing to see a handsome stripling like Vincent scoot in and out with fancy footwork, pepper Tony with expert left jabs and box with the finesse of an experienced ringman.

The last heard from Fazio was that he was going to obtain an A.A.U. amateur boxing card, but the war interfered. Whether or not this boy, who showed such scintillating form and promise, would have matured into a topnotcher is problematical, but Fazio was the rave of Gotham fistic circles for many, many weeks.

Another sparmate of Canzoneri who showed great promise was an Irish lightweight, Tommy Houston. In actual ring competition, Tommy who began working with Canzoneri when he was only seventeen, showed signs of becoming a good fighter, but he was belted out first by Ernie "Cat" Robinson and later by Johnny Colan. After a three year hitch in the Army, Houston, now a middleweight, is back in training, looking as good as ever. It remains to be seen if Tommy will again succumb to stiff belts to the chin in real competition. In all fairness to the youngster, it must be remembered that Robinson and Colan are two soporific sockers.

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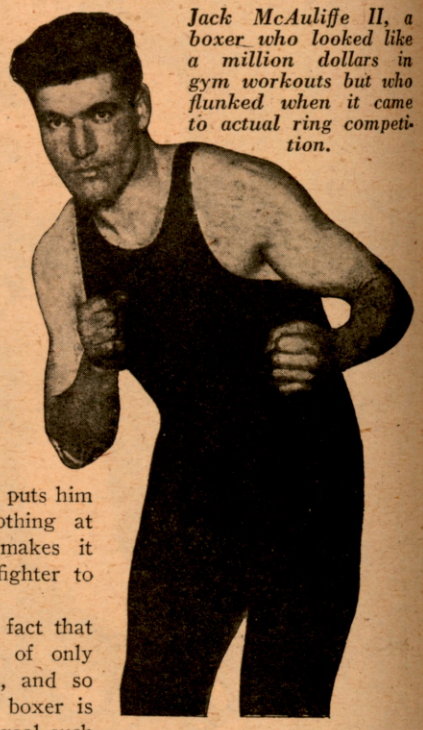
AL REICH, the New York State referee, who gained great notoriety as a bodyguard of the famed Dr. J. F. "Jafsie" Condon in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, was rated a great "gym fighter."

Reich might have made a great heavyweight contender if it weren't for bad hands. But in the gym he was unbeatable. Reich moved like a champion, could punch from any and all angles, and made one feel like putting up several thousands of dollars for his contract the first time you saw him.

An old timer in Stillman's Gym told of a chap named Marty Farrell, a fighter who employed the bob and weave style. In the gym, Farrell was tops, but under the stress of actual competition, he never measured up to the standard of good fighters.

Ray Arcel, perhaps the greatest trainer in the business and an articulate, intelligent gentleman, was asked to explain, if he could, this strange phenomena of a boxer looking like a second Tunney or Fitzsimmons in the gym, and a fizzling failure in the ring when the chips were down.



Jack McAuliffe II, a boxer who looked like a million dollars in gym workouts but who flunked when it came to actual ring competition.

"Harry Greb, Mickey Walker and Jack Dempsey are three of the best examples of the poorest type of boxers while in training," Arcel pointed out. "Why do these other guys wind up as flash in the pans? Well, first there is a psychological security that envelops these gym champions. The gloves are heavier and padded. The gym flash is wearing a headguard and the lack of a wild, cheering crowd puts him at ease. There is nothing at stake, and this too makes it easier for the flashy fighter to show well.

"Don't overlook the fact that boxing workouts are of only three rounds duration, and so while the crackerjack boxer is training for a definite goal such as endurance, or the practising of a particular punch, the other fellow can go all out and do his best to knock the headline fighter's block off."

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THERE have been many fighters who looked good in the gym and even showed exceptional promise in the ring with tough opponents, but faded and never reached the higher brackets. Herbie Katz of Brooklyn appeared to be headed for a world's title when he began boxing professionally. He won 20 out of 25 starts, flattening fourteen foes, and even mingled with some of the best mittmen in the game. Herbie extended Gus Lesnevich, fought a rousing go with Melio Bettina before he was stopped, defeated Tony Musto, Curtis Sheppard, and fought Solly Krieger, Tony Galento, and Gus Dorazio. In the gym, Katz displayed all of the class a dream fighter possesses. His footwork was flawless. Even though he was hampered by the big training mittens he punched with force with either hand, and was a marvel on the defense.

"Herbie Katz was the all-time champion of Stillman's Gym," a famous manager declared.

Henry Cooper, another Brooklynite, elicited reams of raves from the newspaper boys who saw the then up and coming young heavyweight giant work with Jimmy Braddock for the title fight with Joe Louis.

Henry was the talk of the camp as each day saw him more than hold his own with Champion Jimmy Braddock. Cooper, a durable performer, developed into nothing more than a good club fighting heavyweight. To his credit are two tough twelve round mills against Billy Conn, and the fact that he was never counted out in his career despite battles with Tami Mauriello, Gus Lesnevich, Nathan Mann and Melio Bettina.

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GEORGE NICHOLSON of Yonkers, New York, a burly Negro sparmate of Joe Louis, will long be remembered after better performers have passed from the boxing scene. Nicholson gained fame as the man whom Joe Louis could not dent.

Nicholson engaged in about thirty regular pro fights, and the best that can be recalled about his boxing *(Continued on page 34)*

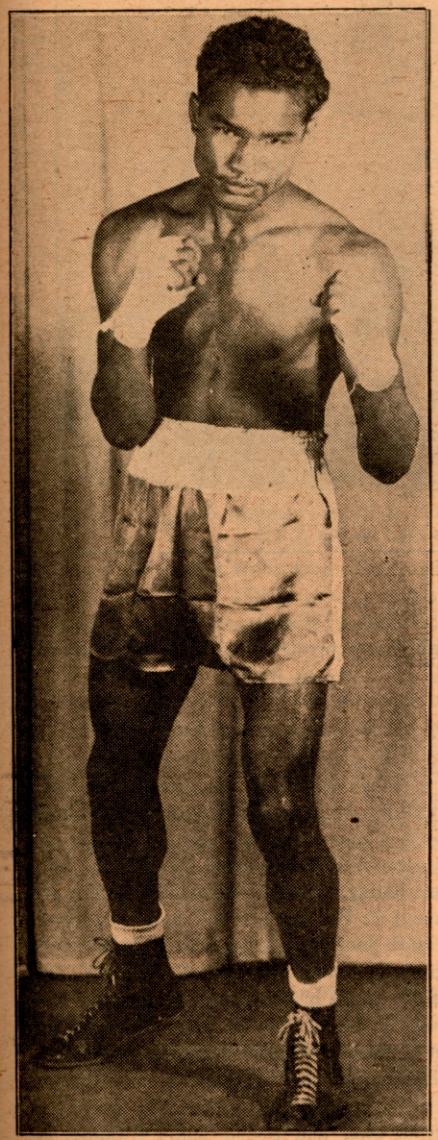
MAKING *THE* GRADE

By JIMMY HEARNS

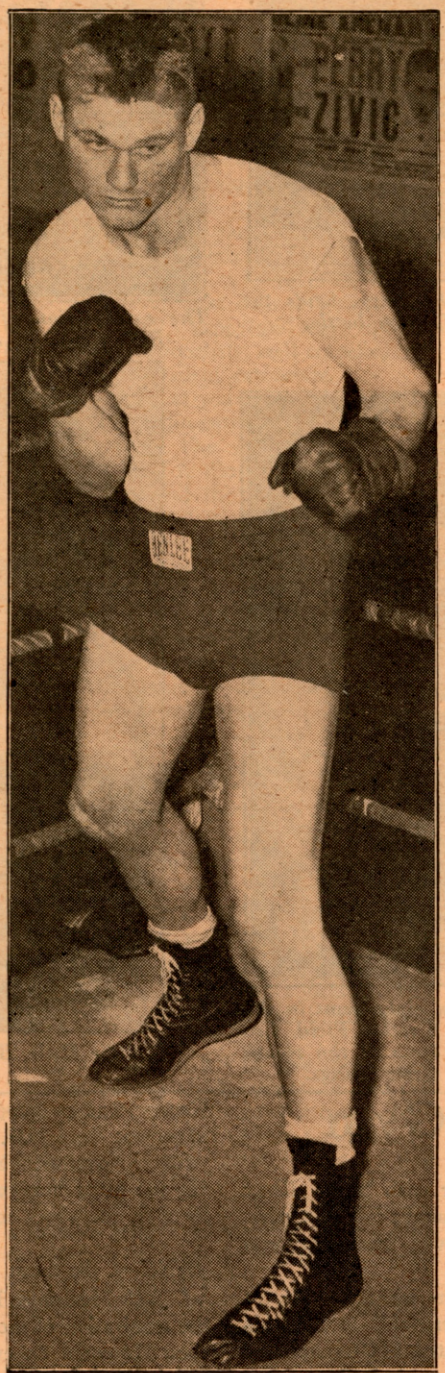
NEW ENGLAND fighters are kept busy these days because of the many clubs that have sprung up during the past year. Many new faces have been seen in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont arenas and these, added to a card topped by fighters like Pat Brady, the "Blond Tiger," and Peter Hayes among others, have enabled the promoters to carry on without going in the red as was the case in pre-war days. One of the outstanding attractions in that sector, is the "Blond Tiger" who invariably puts up a whale of a battle no matter who his opponent is.

"The Tiger," who hails from Lowell, Mass., and whose real name is Paul Frechette, is not as wild as the name implies, but right now he is going better than ever. The kid is a veteran, having fought them all from Costantino, Shans and down.

The record shows that the Tiger has been doing quite well during 1946. He has been on the short end of the decision only twice in a total of eleven bouts. A compilation: KO'ed—Chuck Jackson, 7; won—Archie Goodbee, Lloyd Hudson (twice), Tony Ferry, Eddie De Angelis (twice) and Tony Roberts; draw—Leo Methot; lost—Leo Methot and Tommy Greb.



Frankie Moore, California lightweight, who proved that his knockout over Chalky Wright was no fluke by defeating him in a return match.



Jackie Cranford, Washington, D. C., heavyweight crowd pleaser, a potential contender after his knockout of Jimmy Bell.

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FRANKIE MOORE

FRANKIE MOORE, recent knockout conqueror of ex-Featherweight Champion Chalky Wright, was born June 19, 1921, at Camp Stopsenburo, Compano, Philippines, and is a mestizo, being born of a Negro father and a Filipino mother. Oakland, California, is his home town.

Moore boxed amateur for two years prior to turning pro in 1939.

Frankie served in the Army at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi, from January 1943 to April 1944. Upon his discharge, Moore laid off boxing while he tried to decide whether or not to return to the ring. He started boxing again on April 18, 1945, and has had 16 pro fights, scoring seven knockouts, winning four and losing five by decisions. One of these losses was to Enrique Bolanos and another to Ray Salas, whom he later knocked out. Frankie has knocked out Jimmy Florita, Billy Hale, Mike Delia, Ray Salas and Chalky Wright.

The Wright knockout was a masterpiece. It came in 2:40 of the first round via a left hook. We quote an article from the San Francisco *Examiner* of the next day:—

"In all the years that he has been connected with boxing, Dolph Thomas, the 'Silver Fox' of Turk Street, says he never saw a more perfectly timed and delivered left hook than the seven or eight inch one with which Frankie Moore stiffened Chalky Wright."

In a return bout a couple of weeks later,

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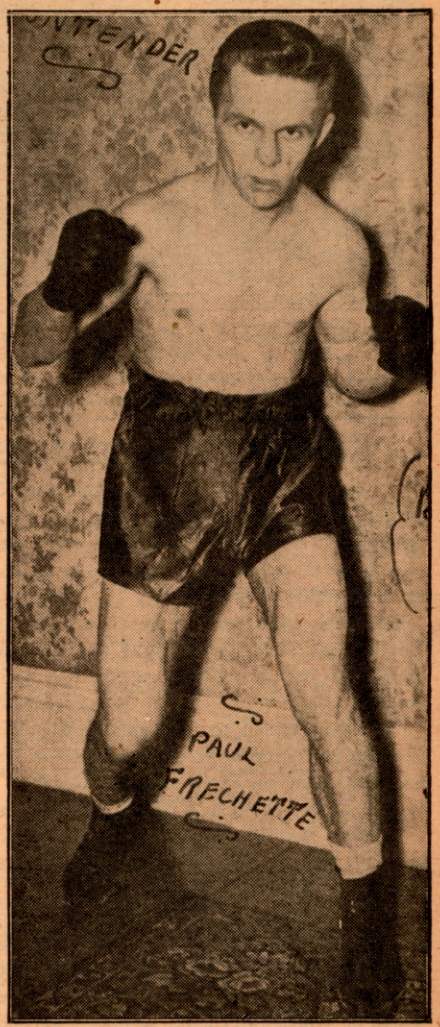

Paul Frechette, New England lightweight, long a colorful favorite with the fans who know him as the "Blond Tiger."

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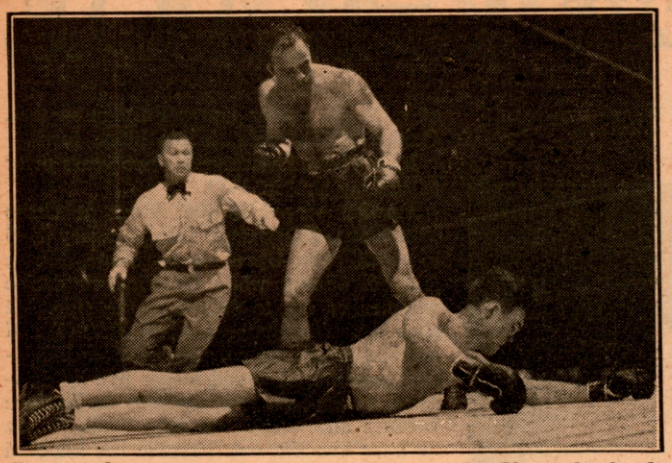
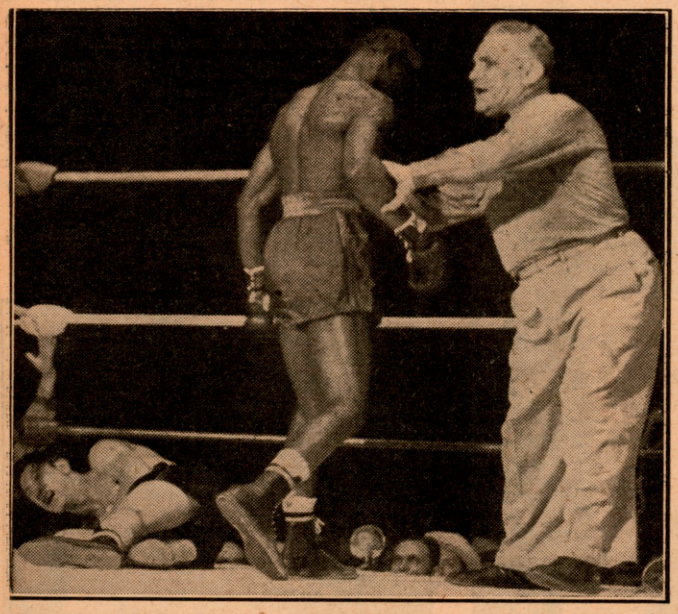
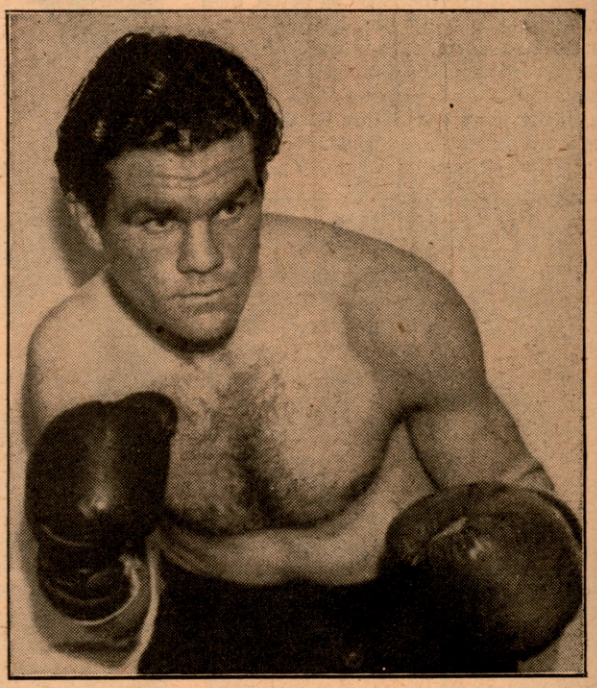


Steve Belloise, recently discharged from the Navy, lands the haymaker on Coley Welch in their Garden battle.

The examination of Champion Joe Louis and his challenger, Billy Conn, by Dr. Walker of the Boxing Commission.



Ike Williams dumps Enrique Bolanos for an eight-count in the fourth round of their N.B.A. title bout at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, before 18,000 fans. Ike scored the kayo in the eighth round and gained top-ranking in THE RING *ratings.*



Freddie Mills, British light-heavyweight king who is on a visit to the states.

Champs of the Gym

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career, in that he fought a good ten-rounder with Buddy Knox when the Midwestern Irish heavyweight was rated a fair contender.

Against Louis in a training camp, however, Nicholson was an unbeatable wonder.

George's own version of his association with the Brown Bomber may shed some light on why he was able to hold his own with Joe through more than an estimated 1,000 rounds of boxing.

"I never started to box until I was 25 years old," Nicholson explained. "After a couple of amateur bouts, I turned pro, and one day someone came to me and asked me if I wanted to go to Joe Louis' camp and be his sparring partner.

"I had been hearing what Joe was doing to some of those boys up there," George went on, "and I said to this man, 'Are you crazy, me box with Joe Louis?'

"Then I began to figure that after all he was only a human being with two arms and legs like me, and the most that could happen is that I'd catch a few and it would be all over after a couple of rounds, and heck, there ain't nothing that ten cents worth of arnica can't cure. Besides I needed the dough."

Thus Nicholson himself points out that against one of the greatest champions of all time he could more than hold his own. George was so good that he trained with Louis for every engagement since 1937. He was chosen by the Army to go on tour with Joe overseas. Yet Nicholson, the man who made it tough for the great heavyweight king, proved a dud when he climbed through the ropes for a real boxing match.

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ONE of the finest ring specimens in gymnasium workouts was Jack McAuliffe II, a tall, splendid looking fellow who earned the admiration of those who had witnessed his gymnasium workouts. He could do everything—box, punch and deported himself like a future heavyweight champion. But alas, when he was pitted against Luis Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, he failed to exhibit the form that distinguished him so ably in the gym and Firpo knocked him out in the third round and thus earned a subsequent title match with Jack Dempsey. As a gym fighter he was great; as a real battler he was a flop.

Gymnasium fighters, fistic gems in the rough when they wore a headguard and laced on the heavy gloves, yet never achieving greatness in the ring in regularly scheduled fights have caused their followers many heartaches. More than one outstanding boxing critic or manager has gone away out on the limb for a youth who showed unusual zing and polish while training, but faded when the house lights of the Garden or a local club dimmed, and the opening gong, signifying the start of a real clash clanged.

Lesnevich Makes Good

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and Southern Area Welterweight Kingpin, Arthur Danahar, 147, clashed in a welterweight title elimination, the winner to meet Ernie Roderick for the championship, and Danahar won by a knockout in the fifth round.

By the second round it was obvious that Danahar had decided upon boxing his way to victory as his plan of campaign, while Boon was waiting, perched ready to send over that terrific punch of his. He was concerned only with landing his haymaker, and it seemed that the opportunity was his, when during the fourth round, after some cautious sparring, he suddenly brought over his famous right, and Danahar crashed to the canvas. He rose, groggy, at nine and Boon tore into him anxious to put a finish to the bout. He shot punches at Danahar from every angle, but the Bethnal Green lad weathered the storm and the bell must have come as a pleasant respite.

During the fifth round the unexpected happened. Boon, cheered considerably by his previous round, again pursued Danahar, seeking to bring over his Sunday punch again, but suddenly, Danahar shot a blow for Boon's stomach, and down went the Chatteris lad as though shot. He fell to his knees in obvious pain, and couldn't move. He tried desperately to rise, and succeeded in doing so, only to fall to his knees again, doubled up. Then he banged on the boards with his gloved fists, as if to alleviate the pain, and tried again to rise, but although he staggered to his feet, he couldn't go on, and Referee Charlie Thomas called a halt.

Harry "Kid" Silver, 144½, of Clapton, and Douglas Bygrave, 146, of Norwich, entered the ring for their six round curtain raiser, and they proceeded to go at it hammer-and-tongs from the first bell. Silver received Referee Teddy Waltham's decision.

A scheduled six rounder which followed the title bout saw Terry Allen, 111, of Islington, meet with his first defeat in 39 starts, at the hands of Alex Murphy, 112½, of Scotland.

Making his first appearance in England, since his return after service overseas, Allen seemed overanxious.

The contest, scheduled for six rounds, saw Allen away ahead on points, until the sixth round, when after boxing all the time, and hitting Murphy at will, he suddenly decided to mix it and try for a kayo victory. He tore into the Scot, who seeing his chance when Allen dropped his guard, shot over a tremendous right and Allen dropped to the canvas, hitting his head and was counted out.

The last fight of the evening saw Mark Hart, 159¼, of Croydon, outpoint Johnny Clements, 161¼, of Scotland, in eight rounds.

The 12,000 people who crowded into Harringay paid £48,000, an all time British record.

At the weigh in for the main event, Mills scaled 173 lbs. 14 ozs. Lesnevich was declared one ounce overweight, and he retired to his dressing room, where a short workout brought him to the required 175 lbs.

The Fighter and the Man

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THUS we see that the men in boxing who make a living with their fists are no different than men in other walks of life who earn their daily bread in a variety of endeavors. Among pugilists there are bright, brainy individuals, many of them college men, well bred, and there are dullards.

Bible students, gamblers, longshoremen, precision machinists, students of law, medicine, liberal arts, and mechanics are numbered among the thousands of prize fighters who have taken to boxing for pay, either temporarily, or for a permanent money stake. Like your next door neighbor, they are witty, dull, happy-go-lucky, moody, bright conversationalists, well travelled and experienced; or silent introverts.

So as you sit at your favorite fight club and watch a muffin-eared, flat-nosed battle-scarred veteran like Fritzie Zivic, don't shake your head in dismay, for like Fritzie he may be one of the shrewdest business men in his city. Likewise don't misjudge the slashing, rip-tear merciless belter who pounds his foe into a state of helplessness. When he sheds the gloves you'll probably find him a grand, lively chap, a credit to any class of citizens. The pugilist proved his worth during the Great War that just ended. This business of boxing after all is just that—a business.

Making the Grade

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Moore repeated and took a ten round decision over Wright.

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JACKIE CRANFORD

WASHINGTON boxing fans were quite surprised when they saw the post-war version of Jackie Cranford, a local favorite, who had served three years in the Coast Guard.

When Cranford left to join the service, he was fighting middleweights in the district with only a modicum of success. However, last November when Cranford returned to Turner's Arena, fans saw a new and bigger Cranford.

The blond-headed boy had filled out into a good-looking heavyweight. His six-feet-two well built frame gave him the appearance of a fighting man.

But, local fans were more impressed with Cranford's performance in that first fight than his physique. In that scrap, against Mike Ellick of Baltimore, Cranford came off the floor, after taking some terrific belts, to knock out his opponent. In his middleweight days Cranford had never shown that kind of fight.

Jackie followed the Ellick bout with two easy wins at Turner's Arena against opponents hardly worth mentioning. After that he licked Al Blake in Madison Square Garden, in impressive style. In another Garden clash he knocked out Oscar Goode.

Convinced that Cranford had "finally arrived," Manager Bo Bregman matched him with Jimmy Bell, a local Negro heavyweight. Bell had recently licked Joe Baksi in Baltimore, and Bregman figured he'd be a good test for Cranford. Cranford easily won after a dull performance by Bell. This contest was followed by a seven round kayo over Warren Petersen at New York's St. Nicholas Arena, and a kayo over Ernie Rios at the Garden.

Popular Performers

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The Italian lad, who is twenty-five years old, is considered one of the ranking boxers of the welterweight class.

Secreet has developed from a 112-pound amateur flyweight to his present status. All of his professional bouts have been in the welterweight section. In the amateur ranks he had 275 fights of which he won all but 18.

Prior to donning the gloves, Sammy used to work in the coal mines at Westland, Pa., where he learned that it was an asset to be handy with his dukes. The slugging ex-coal miner, who uses a style that depends on stamina, strength and the ability to rain a constant flurry of blows on his opponent, stated after his go with Billy Walker that he had been dubious about his ability to go ten rounds but that now he was sure that he could travel that distance any time. He credited the fine condition of his legs after such a long layoff to the exercise that he took while in the Navy.

Swede Johnson, football coach and athletic director of the high school in Sammy's home town, calls Secreet a model athlete and a fine inspiration for the youngsters in his home town.

IN OUR QUESTION BOX

Peter Slobodian, Montreal, Canada

Q.—Did Billy Pinti ever fight Sal Bartolo, and what was the result? How many fights did Pinti have during the years, 1940 to 1942?

A.—Billy Pinti lost an 8 round decision to Sal Bartolo in 1942.

The second part of your question will be answered in the 1946 record book now on sale at THE RING Book Shop.

Pfc. Palmer, Ft. Hamilton, Indiana

Q.—In what round did Schmeling knock out Louis? How did Jake LaMotta win over Ray Robinson?

A.—Louis was knocked out in the 12th round by Schmeling. LaMotta won a decision over Robinson in Ray's only loss.

Wally Vanderpool, Council Bluffs, Iowa

Q.—How old is Phil Terranova? How many times has he fought since he turned professional? How many has he lost? When did he turn pro?

A.—It would take a great deal of time to answer this question. All this information can be found in THE RING Record Book. You fans should buy this book.

Arthur Tompkins, San Francisco, Cal.

Q.—How many million dollar gates have there been in boxing? In how many was Joe Louis?

A.—There were five million dollar gates in all of which Dempsey was a participant. When Dempsey fought there were no special arrangements made for radio rights, and the movie contract called for a settlement prior to the bout. His million dollar receipts are from the sale of tickets only. His million dollar gates follow:

Dempsey vs. Tunney.....$1,895,733
Dempsey vs. Tunney (Chicago) $2,658,660
Dempsey vs. Carpentier.....$1,789,238
Dempsey vs. Firpo.....$1,188,603
Dempsey vs. Sharkey.....$1,083,530

The total receipts of the two fights in which Joe Louis is listed as having grossed more than a million dollars, included the radio and movie figures. In none of Louis' fights to date, has the actual gross at the gate reached the million dollar mark. Thus in the Schmeling-Louis second fight, the gross including the radio and movie contract was $1,015,012, and the actual gross at the gate was only $940,096.72.

The Louis-Max Baer fight, gross at the gate only $932,944, and the entire receipts, including movies and radio were $1,000,932.

Dempsey is the only fighter in ring history to have taken part in million dollar gates in which only the ticket receipts figured.

Charles the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR

BOXING came back with a bang with the opening of the outdoor season. Aided by several championship fights both here and abroad, the months of May and June ranked among the best for boxing activity since the Pearl Harbor attack. Over in England Bruce Woodcock came through with a victory over Freddie Mills, the British Empire light-heavyweight king, but had to pay heavily for it by way of physical damage.

In Australia, Vic Patrick, the dual champion, light and welterweight king, met with a reverse at the hands of Bos Murphy, who defeated him in a twelve-round contest.

In England, Ernie Roderick, the middleweight and welter champion, took the measure of Omar Kouidri, French titleholder, and each of the above fights added interest to boxing.

In this country Willie Pep proved his right to the international honors with which he has been honored by knocking out Sal Bartolo in the twelfth round. As we go to press, Joe Louis and Billy Conn face each other in their world heavyweight title bout at the Yankee Stadium.

Still another title bout took place with Manuel Ortiz again carrying off the honors. The Californian, world bantamweight champion, stopped Jackie Jurich, former titleholder, in the eleventh round and thus added to his prestige.

Lee Q. Murray has come back with a bang. The lanky Negro's defeat of Jimmy Bivins by unanimous decision, has regained for Lee his high place among the heavyweight contenders. He has won twelve in a row since starting his comeback.

Theo Medina continues to gain international prestige. His recent defeat of Cliff Anderson clinched his place among the top-notchers.

In the heavyweight ranks Nathan Mann's knockout of John Thomas rated among the month's good performances.

The poor showing of Lee Oma against Joe Walcott brought a big drop in his standing for the first time in months and gained the third highest post in the division for Jersey Joe. Bruce Woodcock's defeat at the hands of Tami Mauriello didn't hurt his standing much as he proved himself a fighter of the first order against the tough American veteran. Bruce's victory over Freddie Mills was a close one.

The light-heavyweight division has a new challenger in Ezzard Charles, whose one-sided triumph over Archie Moore was one of the month's features. Charles is our "Fighter of the Month." Fitzie Fitzpatrick got back into the ratings by fighting a draw with Joe Kahut.

In the middleweight ranks Jake LaMotta is our top man. Jake is the class of the division with Charley Burley and Rocky Graziano trailing him. Graziano gets a chance at Tony Zale's title at the end of this month.

The defeat of Greco by Beau Jack brought Johnny down several pegs in the welter ranks. Vic Patrick's defeat at the hands of Bos Murphy didn't affect Vic's standing any as his opponent outweighed him and the decision was unpopular.

Our leading challengers at this writing are Billy Conn, heavyweight; Ezzard Charles, light-heavy; Jake LaMotta, middle; Ray Robinson, welter; Ike Williams, lightweight; Phil Terranova, featherweight; David Kui Kong Young, bantamweight, and Rinty Monaghan, flyweight.

If Louis is defeated by Conn on the day we go to press, then Billy takes Joe's place and Joe replaces Billy Conn as challenger.

Olle Tandberg, Swedish heavyweight who is making fine strides, has reached the stage where he has joined the elite. He is rated ninth among the heavies. Here are the month's leading results:

The heavyweight fights: Tami Mauriello knocked out Bruce Woodcock, 5. Bruce then went on to whip Freddie Mills in 12. Jersey Joe Walcott whipped Lee Oma in 10 dull heats. Australian Heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson stopped Herb Narvo in 5 heats.

Lee Savold knocked out Bob Garner, 2. Pat Comiskey stopped Bill Weinberg, 9. Lee Q. Murray defeated Jimmy Bivins in a 10-rounder. Olle Tandberg whipped Jack London, 10. Buddy Walker stopped Abel Cestac, 7.

Joey Maxim upset Phil Muscato, 12. Nathan Mann knocked out John Thomas, 7. Elmer Ray belted out Art McAlpine, 9.

Curtis Sheppard knocked out Clarence Jones, 3. Joe Kahut stopped Bob Nestell, 4, and drew. Odell Riley knocked out Stormy Williams, 7. Jackie Cranford belted out Ernie Rios, 4.

Cleo Everett and Johnnie Kapovich drew in 6. Charlie Roth knocked out Clarence Jones, 4. John Ralph defeated George Cerosky, 10.

Bill Petersen knocked out Tony Musto, 2. Tony Bosnich beat Wee Willie Williams, 10. Veteran Tiger Jack Fox, knocked out Leroy Evans, 8. Joe Matisi stopped Joe Muscato, 7.

Harold Blackshear stopped Paul Jackson, 5, and Leroy Evans, 6. Colion Chaney stopped Buddy Knox, 2. Ted Boddie won over Clayton Worlds, 10.

Tommy Gomez knocked out Phil Muscato in 1. Buddy Scott stopped Her Jones, 6. Roy Harkins knocked out Charles Johnson, 4.

Light-heavyweight contests: Ezzard Charles upset Archie Moore in 10. Billy Fox knocked out Ossie Harris, 10. Jack Lyons outpointed Earl Peterson, 6. Joe Kahut drew with Hilton Fitzpatrick, 10.

Billy Smith knocked out Walter Woods, 3. Australian Heavyweight and Light-Heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson knocked out Alex Buxton in 8 heats.

Frankie Zamoris stopped Al Johnson in 1. Al Hostak stopped Roman Starr, 4. Onelio Agramonte defeated Henry Taylor in 6. Bernie Reynolds stopped Hugh Walker in 4 and Billy Beauford in 2.

Saint Paul stopped Coolidge Miller, 10, and lost to George Henry, 10. Al Velez outpointed Speedy Williams, 6. Mose Brown belted out Piz Jones, 4. Bobby Jones stopped Joe O'Connell, 5.

Jimmy Nelson outpointed Tuffy Reed, 10. Jimmy Mulligan stopped Nick Torres, 3. Charley Banks knocked out Sampson Powell, 8. Pat Valentino outpointed John Donnelly, 10.

Tom Attra stopped Julio Cerna, 3. Booker Beckwith stopped Willie Barrow, 5. Sheldon Bell knocked out Oscar Hodnett, 5.

Charley Chaney knocked out Freddie Flores, 6. Tommy Sullivan outpointed Jimmy Nelson, 10. Eddie Boden drew with Ed Cameron, 10, and stopped Johnny Dawn in 4. Lloyd Gibson whipped Tommy Woodward in 10.

Middleweight bouts: Jake LaMotta defeated Joe Reddick, 10. In his first bout in five years, Georgie Abrams defeated Johnny Lawer in 10 rounds. Marcel Cerdan defeated Robert Charron, 12.

Aaron Perry knocked out Bee Bee Washington, 9. Steve Belloise stopped Coley Welch, 2, and Billy Carrigan in 1. Roy Miller won over Ray Augustus, 10.

Artie Levine knocked out Charley Padalino, 3. Gene Farland outpointed Jimmy Mulligan, 10, and beat Buddy Farrell, 8. Cecil Hudson beat Tony Riccio, 10. Carmen DeJohn stopped Harold Scales, 4, and lost to J. C. Wilkens, 6.

Bob Nash was awarded the win over Bob Rynne in the 4th when the latter's second jumped into the ring. Georgie Martin outpointed Billy Furone, 10.

Wild Bill McDowell defeated Pat Saia, 10. Ellis Stewart defeated Bobby Seamon, 10. Bat Stroud belted out Billy Kowal, 1, but in turn was stopped by George Doty in 2. Jimmy Green defeated Sammy Mammone, 8.

"THE RING'S" RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending June 11, 1946

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Marty Servo
1—Billy Conn	Ezzard Charles	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Tami Mauriello	Freddie Mills	Charley Burley	Tippy Larkin
3—Joe Walcott	Billy Smith	Rocky Graziano	Beau Jack
4—Bruce Woodcock	Billy Fox	Steve Belloise	Tommy Bell
5—Elmer Ray	Archie Moore	Marcel Cerdan	Johnny Greco
6—Lee Q. Murray	Joe Kahut	Jimmy Edgar	Tony Janiro
7—Tommy Gomez	Tommy Yarosz	Georgie Abrams	Chuck Taylor
8—Jimmy Bivins	Billy Grant	Bert Lytell	Harold Green
9—Olle Tandberg	Jack Johnson	Holman Williams	Sammy Secreet
10—Lee Oma	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Artie Levine	Danny Kapilow

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion International Title vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Phil Terranova	David Kui Kong Young	Rinty Monaghan
2—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Jackie Graves	Tony Olivera	Bunty Doran
3—Willie Joyce	Sal Bartolo	Theo Medina	Joe Curran
4—Allie Stolz	Carlos Chavez	Benny Goldberg	Alex Murphy
5—Vic Patrick	Oscar Calles	Luis Castillo	Seaman Terry Allen
6—Julio Jiminez	Eddie Miller	Cliff Anderson	Stumpy Butwell
7—Larry Cisneros	Nel Tarleton	Jackie Jurich	Dick O'Sullivan
8—John Thomas	Ray Famechon	Sammy Reynolds	Tommy Burney
9—Chester Rico	Miguel Acevedo	Luis Galvani	Hugh Cameron
10—Frankie Moore	Ronnie Clayton	Mickey Francis	Alex Murphy

Bob Flannigan defeated Clem Fitzpatrick in 6 and stopped Walter Coombs in 8. Al Seidman defeated Ernie Robinson, 8, and Antonio Varmona, 8. Tony Riccio stopped Billy Cooper, 6. Indian Gomez won over Jerry Fiorello, 8.

Russ Baxter won over Abe Hopes, 6. Sam Baroudi knocked out Billy Carrigan, 6, and Kid Chicken in 6. Mickey Burke knocked out Maurice Cloutier, 2. Wilton Kemp knocked out Pancho Namee, 7, and Booker Robinson, 6.

Joe Governale knocked out Johnny Smith, 6. Howard Bleyhl beat Ramsey McKnight, 10. Charley McPherson outpointed Art Robinson, 10. William Johnson knocked out Collins Brown, 2. Herbie Kronowitz won over Harry Daniels, 8.

Willard Buckless outpointed Bennie Singleton, 10, and was stopped by Johnny Potenti in 7. Billy Lancaster beat Maurice Cloutier, 8. Bobby Seamon decisioned Cliff Beckett, 10. Tony Elizondo stopped Jake Stephens, 4, and beat Paul Altman, 10.

Max Hutchins knocked out Billy Beauhuld, 8. and Joey Ruiz, 2. Rudy Richardson beat Jimmy Taylor in 8. Eddie Miller won over Tip Ramsay, 10.

Izzy Jannazzo whipped Joe Governale, 10. Jerry Boisvert knocked out Kid Chocolate, 5. Len Sheppard knocked out Mel Hawkins, 4. Clinton Perry whipped Billy Lancaster, 8.

Vinnie Vines defeated Oscar Boyd, 10. Jimmy Hayden beat Paul Blanks, 8. Al Priest beat Joe Blackwood, 10. Otis McGraw knocked out Forrest Gee, 2.

Gerry McCready stopped Paddy Bergen, 3. Ginger Sadd defeated Tom Curran, 10. Andy McKenzie knocked out Tom Brownlow, 1. Dave Finney outpointed Tom Bowers, 6. Don Trapnell beat Jack Williams, 6.

Tom Jones won the nod over Tommy Davies, 10. Trevor Lowder knocked out Eddie Yarrow, 1. Reg Hill drew with Eddie Bird, 6. Ted Barter stopped Tex Medley, 3.

Ray Robinson, weighing 156½ pounds, knocked out 165-pound Freddy Wilson in two heats. Artie Levine stopped Willie Shanks, 3. Anthony Jones stopped Clint Perry, 5. Pete Mead outscored Solly Zalter, 10. Sam Baroudi knocked out Vinnie Vines, 2. Buddy Farrell stopped Willis Scott, 3. Kid Wolfe outpointed Jimmy Moore, 6.

The welterweights fared as follows: Beau Jack laced Johnny Greco in 10. Vic Patrick stopped Vic Colteaux in 4 and was upset by Bos Murphy in 12. Patrick's defeat was the biggest upset of the year Down Under.

Tony Janiro outpointed Bobby Cummings, 8, and Ernie Robinson, 8. Ernie Roderick defeated Omar Kouidri in 15. Freddie Archer and Cosby Linson drew in 10 rounds. Archer defeated Patsy Spataro, 12.

Harold Green beat Sammy Secreet, 10. Ralph Zannelli outpointed Patsy Giordano, 10. Henry Majcher defeated Lew Jenkins, former lightweight king, 10.

Sammy Adragna won from Jimmy Hatcher, 10. Tony Pellone whipped Patsy Brandino in 10. Joe Curcio won from Joe Keyes, 10.

Chester Rico defeated Vic Moreno, 8. Lenny Mancini defeated Bobby Simmons, 10. Norman Rubio won over Vinnie Rossano in 10. Leo Heaney beat Joe Grant in 10. Dave Andrews stopped Johnny Cesario, 3.

Kid Filipino stopped Lefty Chilo, 2, and lost to Babe Zavala in 10. Frankie Vigeant stopped Dolly King, 4. Al Bobley outpointed Lennox Dingle, 8.

Billy Tordiglione stopped Johnny Riggio, 2, and beat Eddie Letourneau in 10. Ted Drew whipped Eddie Letourneau, 8. Danny Kapilow outpointed Nunzio Ferrara, 10, and Dorsey Lay, 10.

Jackie Wilson drew with Chester Slider, 12. Al Michaud knocked out Bob Porter, 1, and beat Ted Drew in 8. Bobby Yaeger stopped Regino Aguila, 5.

Chuck Hirst and Bill Parsons drew in 10. Babe Zavala outpointed Kid Filipino, 10. Pedro Biesca stopped Booker Hodges, 6.

Freddie Sammons and Otis Graham drew in 8. Patsy Zoccano beat Johnny Phillips, 6. Jimmy Sherrer defeated Jimmy Allen, 10, and stopped Frank Augustain, 9. Johnny Dudley beat Julie Kogon, 10.

Joe Bennett defeated Milton Lattimer, 8. Tommy Rotolo stopped Pat Scanlon, 8, and beat Jorge Morelia, 10. Tommy Lemmon won over Fritzie Zivic, 10. Joe Lucignano outscored Jose Gutierrez, 8.

Harry Lane beat Panchito Gonzales, 8. Bobby Mann and Ernie Petrone drew in 8. Bobby Garcia defeated Otis Graham, 8. Joey Pirrone stopped Juan Carrero, 1. Bill Petersen stopped Manny Gomez, 2.

Al Costa knocked out Willie Keene, 5. Gabby Poulin outpointed Eddie Letourneau, 8. Tommy Ciralo outpointed Tony Rios, 10. Jackie Cooper whipped Johnny Roszina, 8.

Irving Palefsky knocked out Ralph Walton, 2. Ernie Copeland beat Bobby Berger, 8. Joey Barnum stopped Al Deacon, 5. Harry Preston defeated William Dempsey McPhail, 6.

Tony Cerutto outpointed Bobby Holt, 6. Bernard Docusen knocked out Johnny Williams, 1. Jake Carr knocked out Bill Langley, 7. Mayo Smith won on a foul over Mick McCann, 3.

Bee Blair beat Ric Sanders, 10. Billy Watt stopped Bob Foster, 1. Stan Hibbert stopped Tom Boylan, 2. Alf Taylor beat Johnny Fox, 8.

Irving Palefsky outpointed Bobby Cummings, 8. Dave Andrews defeated Gus Mell, 10. Mike Konners stopped Len Caesar, 5. Mike Stankovich drew with Johnny Wells in 8.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Warren Wilson, Georgia
Light-heavyweight — Jimmy Evans, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Middleweight—Frank Lacy, Baltimore, Md.
Welterweight—Hal Meredith, Florida
Lightweight—Denny McCabe, New York, N. Y.
Featherweight—Tom Beato, Santa Domingo
Bantamweight—Rudolpho Villa, Mexico
Flyweight—Mike DeLarose, California

Here are the lightweight bouts: Larry Cisneros won over Frankie Moore, 10, and stopped Matt Oglesby, 4. Cleo Shans defeated Maurice LaChance, 10. Ruby Kessler beat Humberto Zavala, 10.

Julio Jiminez defeated Walter (Cabey) Lewis in 10. Danny Robinson outpointed Wray Carter, 10. Bobby McQuillar beat Pete Smith, 10. Wesley Mouzon stopped Leo Rodak, 6. Nick Stato beat Steve Curley, 10, drew with Joe Carkido, 6, and lost to Lou Casiano, 6. Art Foster defeated Charlie Smith, 10.

Billy Graham won over Jimmy Joyce, 10. Jackie Webber stopped Oscar St. Pierre, 6. Julie Bort knocked out Pat Foley, 3. Leo Milito defeated Ossie Rodriquez, 8.

Maxie Shapiro defeated Frankie Leta, 10. Corky Davis stopped Ernie Cabral, 5, and stopped Bobby Martin, 2. Willie Russell knocked out Artie Price, 4.

Dave Castilloux outpointed Gus (Pell) Mell, 10, and then drew with Gus in 10. Johnny Dell defeated Juan Carrero, 8. Floyd LaVasseur defeated Tony Ancona, 10. Joey Longo defeated Billy Proctor, 6.

Dom Fiantini belted out Eden Germaine, 5. Bobby English drew with Tommy Greb, 10. Greb then beat Jackie Callura, 10. Tommy Wells knocked out Midget St. Hilaire, 5, and Jean Gagne, 1. Danny Ardito stopped Joe Wright, 4. Mike Konners outpointed Charley Noel, 10.

Al Smith knocked out Kayo Mushrow, 3, and beat Johnny Bouffard, 6. Bobby Jarvis defeated Red Grant, 6. Joe Pirrone outpointed George Hansford, 10. Johnny Campbell knocked out Johnny O'Keefe, 3.

Joey Bagnato stopped Steve Kronis, 5, Gordon House knocked out Baby Angora, 4, Roscoe Scally outpointed Petey Virgin, 10. Charles Milan outscored Cleo Shans, 10.

Charles Lewis knocked out Billy Carroll, 3, and Lefty LaChance in 4. Rocky Progano beat Andre Sarilla, 8, and lost to Pat Kitt in 8. Walt Stevens knocked out Jose Guterrez, 4. Florient Desmarais outboxed Leo Mucucci, 12.

Maurice Beauchene beat Bob Pooler, 8. Pedro Firpo knocked out Jimmy McLarnin, 9. Tony Rodriguez knocked out Angelo Rogers, 2.

Johnny Lovett got the nod over Walter Cabey Lewis in 8. Walter Stevens kept up his K.O. record by blasting out Jasper O'Hanley in 4. Walter Kolby beat Willie Roache, 10. Eddie Murphy beat Freddie Yeager, 8. Benny Calla defeated Bobby Jackson, 10.

Pat Kelley whipped Al Gibson, 8. Stan Hawthorne stopped Charlie Fox in 4 and Jimmy Smith in 1. Dan McAllister knocked out Reg Quinlan, 5. Tommy Dawes lost to Art Turner, 8.

NBA lightweight king, Ike Williams, registered the first K.O. ever scored against Bobby Ruffin by belting out the latter in 5 rounds. John Thomas whipped Maxie Shapiro, 10. Willie Russell knocked out Maxie Shapiro, 10. Jackie Webber outpointed Tommy Wells, 8. Julie Bort whipped Georgie Cooper, 6.

Featherweight contests: Willie Pep beat Aponte Torres, 10, and Jimmie Joyce, 8. Willie then went on to knock out Sal Bartolo in 12 to win the undisputed championship of the world.

Phil Terranova knocked out Jimmy McAllister in 4. Spider Armstrong stopped Tony Costa in 2, who in turn lost to Johnny Juliano, 10.

Jimmy Callura beat Midget Mayo in 10 for his 23rd straight win. Jimmy McClelland defeated Lou Alter, 10. Dom Fiantini outpointed Benny May, 8.

Eddie Compo defeated Ralph LaSalle, 8. Joey Dolan won over Joe Robleto, 10. Pedro Ramirez defeated Little Giant, 10.

Willie Anderson won over Richie Myashiro, 10. Charley Riley knocked out Lou Transparenti, 2. Jock Leslie defeated Augie Lapara, 10. Pete Virgin won over Ham Wiloby, 10.

Manny Ortega knocked out Mickey Travis, 4. Carlos Chavez and Jose "Baby" Gonzales drew in 10. Fabela Chavez knocked out Freddie Taylor, 8. Tommy Monty stopped Don Mardid, 2. Tom Beato scored over Joey Iannotti, 6.

Villita de Juarez defeated Eduardo Serratos, 10. Paulino Montes knocked out Felipe Trejo Luna, 8. Eddie Dumazel outpointed Charlie White, 6.

Gus Foran whipped Paddy Dowdall, 8. Billy Kenrick defeated Jackie McGouran, 8. Ronnie Clayton stopped Freddie Morris, 3.

Bantamweight bouts follow: World's Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz successfully defended his title twice by knocking out Kenny Lindsay in 5 and Jackie Jurich in 11. David Kui Kong Young won over Tony Olivera.

Theo Medina stopped Cliff Anderson, 7. Cliff Anderson beat Sammy Reynolds, 10.

Jackie Turner outpointed Pee Wee Lewis, 10. and drew with Paulie Cook in 6. Luis Castillo belted out Gregorio Escalona, 2.

Sparky Duquette scored his 10th straight K.O. by dumping Nicky DeVanno in 2, but his winning streak was broken when he was stopped by Billy Warren in 4. Mickey Francis knocked out Mickey Carr in 3 rounds for the Australian bantamweight championship.

Val Valentine drew with Mickey Quack, 10. Tony Cocco drew with Eddie Hines, 8. Jose Anders whipped Frankie Rivera, 8.

Ernesto Aguilar, Mexican bantamweight champion, beat Villita de Juarez, 10. Stan Rowan stopped Ritchie McCulloch, 5. Teddy Peckham outpointed Ronnie Taylor, 8. Santa Barbara defeated Bobby Molina, 5. Billy Pearce knocked out Johnny Ball, 4.

Flyweight fights: Champion Jackie Paterson knocked out Jimmy Webster, 5, in a non-title contest. The champion was then stopped by Rinty Monaghan in 6 in a non-title contest. Santos Picon won the flyweight title of Puerto Rico by whipping Jose Garcia Colon in 10.

Alex Peralta whipped Ray Gutterez in 4 and lost to Manuel Lopez also in 4. Peralta then beat Tacoma Kid, 4. Mike DeLarose outboxed Bobby Molina in 4.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

FREDDIE ARCHER, Newark, N. J., Polish-American welterweight, managed by Willie Ketchum and undefeated in four starts here, fought a torrid ten-round draw with Cosby Linson, New Orleans Irishman, May 15. Archer has become one of the best visiting drawing cards in this locality.

The Archer-Linson fight drew a gross gate of $14,639.50. They fought at the huge Municipal Auditorium with a seating capacity of 10,000 spectators. Promoter Louis Messina and Matchmaker Lew Raymond staged their first show of the 1946 season at the Auditorium. Archer had previously beaten Rudy Campa, Los Angeles, Cal., Mexican, in ten rounds.

Linson suffered a bad ear in the Archer encounter and was forced to take a rest.

Jock Leslie keeps on his winning way, but Jock had no easy time dusting off local Augie Lapara at the Auditorium in ten rounds on May 27. Lapara gave Leslie one of his hardest fights and a return go is in the makings.

Lapara has fought his way back into the limelight. His defeat by Phil Terranova set the local boy back. At the time Augie was matched with Terranova he was not yet ready for fighters of Phil's type.

Leslie has been a gate magnet for Messina and Raymond. The Leslie-Lapara gate was $6600 net.

Messina and Raymond have the Municipal Auditorium tied up exclusively and in the event they want to go in the open air they can rent the Pelican Stadium where Promoter Messina once sold pop and peanuts as a youngster.

With Dr. Lloyd J. Landry, chairman of the Louisiana Athletic Commission, Al Liska, secretary, and Commissioner Bernie J. Grenrood handling the sport, things have been running along smoothly. The fighters, managers, promoters, matchmakers and fans have been well satisfied with their fair and impartial dealings.

Promoter Heard Ragas and Emile Bruneau, who operate at the Coliseum Arena, staged a ten-rounder between Tony Rios, Mexican junior welterweight, and Tommy Ciarlo, New Haven, Conn., on June 3. Ciarlo won the decision.

In the eight-round semi-final, Louis Rousse, local middleweight, who scaled 163 pounds at weighing-in time to Ben Montalbano's 148½ pounds, outpointed the Birmingham, Ala., welterweight. Rousse at one time was a main bout fighter but was stopped here by Sammy Adragna, who was later defeated by Cosby Linson.

Pot Shots . . . Promoter Louis Messina, interested in the welfare of former fighters, managers and trainers, has started an innovation so that ex-members of the fistic fraternity can attend the fights he stages by only paying taxes. Messina has had cards printed which are non-transferable and a space for a passport size picture which will admit all qualified former members of the game. Nick Guagliardo, Jack Russo's crack lightweight, is a comer and will be heard from. Bernard Docusen and Maxie Docusen are now in New York, under the management of Otis Guichet, well-known local sportsman.

Fighters wishing work in New Orleans and the South, unattached, can contact Broadway Johnny Cox, DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

BOXING is still on the boom out in this section and several new boxing centers are on the list. Boxers and managers on tour would do well to include this section on their stopping off list. Remember such spots as Des Moines, Omaha, Davenport and Sioux City, besides a number of others.

Davenport, Ia.—Tommy Campbell of Rock Island scored a technical knockout over Gene Spencer, Chicago welterweight, in the third round of their ten-round feature here.

Roy Lewis of Muncie, Ind., knocked out Billy Heath, Des Moines lightweight, in the second of their six-round semi-windup engagement on the card which revived boxing here after several years' absence.

Roland Taylor, Des Moines middleweight, stopped Mickey McKinnis, Chicago, in the third stanza of their scheduled five-rounder.

In other bouts Elmo Latta, Indianapolis, knocked out Eddie Staten, East Moline, in the fourth and Buck Jones, Gary, whipped Butch Maxey, Chicago, in six rounds.

The fistic upset of the month took place when Abel Cestac, booking out of Des Moines, went down to defeat by the T.K.O. route at Indianapolis, Ind., at the hands of Jack Walker, Columbus, O., Negro heavyweight, in the seventh round. Referee Dick Patton halted the bout with the big Argentine boxer bleeding profusely from the nose. He also had a very bad cut over his left eye.

Omaha, Neb.—Howard Bleyhl, Madison, Minn., welterweight, scored a ten-round decision over Ramey McKnight of Milwaukee, Wis., in one of the feature attractions staged in Omaha during the past month. Several months ago Bleyhl and McKnight staged a vicious bout that ended in a draw. Both Bleyhl and McKnight have been drawing cards in Omaha.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—During the past month we were the guest of Tony Stecher, Minneapolis promoter, where we watched Willie Pep score over Jimmie Joyce. . . . We also paid a visit to Max Clayton, Omaha promoter. . . . Clayton is dishing out some fine cards for the Omaha fight fans. . . . We understand that some of our mail went astray during the past month, and in the event you failed to get an answer from us, try again, and remember you can reach us by sending your mail to 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Ia. . . . Harry Gibbons, former referee and boxer and well known to fans in this section, has been named Chief of Detectives on the Sioux City police department. . . . The ace sports reporter, Tony Cordaro of the Des Moines *Tribune*, who toured with Joe Louis on army exhibitions, covered both the Billy Conn and Joe Louis training camps. . . . Sec Taylor of the Des Moines *Register* also did a fine job in reporting the news for Iowa fans from both camps. . . . Bob Burns, former paratrooper and Golden Gloves fighter, was one of the many Sioux Cityans to attend the title bout. . . . Norfolk, Nebr., is on the wrestling map with the American Legion doing the promoting. . . . We regret to read of the death of Eddie Brietz, sports writer and columnist. . . . Promoter Mil Bowman has started boxing cards at MaQuoketa, Ia. . . . The proceeds of the first card were turned over to the Jackson County Memorial Hospital. . . . Wrestling shows are on the fan-fare at Waterloo, Ia. . . . Down at Cedar Rapids, Ia. . . . Lew Dochterman, trainer of the C.Y.O. gym, has several prospective youngsters in training. . . . Promoter Roy Warfield and Matchmaker Billy Jackson have lined up a strong card of bouts for the opening card at Sioux City. . . . The shows will be held in the outdoor boxing arena at Riverside Park during the summer months.

IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

By BILL WALSH

AL ZILL ran a show featuring Leo Rodak vs. Bobby McIntire, Tommy Woodward vs. Leo Hughes and Charley Roth vs. Clarence Jones in three teners. Gross gate was $2,209.

Carman DeJohn and Leroy Scales were pitted against each other in one eighter, while Mike Birskovich met Johnny King in the second eighter. Birskovich beat King, but Mike knew he was in a battle.

Carman DeJohn returned to his winning ways by stopping Scales in four heats.

Other results follow: James FitzJames, 180, Canton, O., decisioned George Saunders, 178, Youngstown, O., in six rounds. Art Tate, 162, Cleveland, O., won over Teddy Bell, 164, Youngstown, O., in six rounds. Bobby Timpson, 135, Youngstown, racked up his fourth straight pro win by decisioning Glen Massey, 136, Buffalo, in a sizzling four rounder.

Lalo Berezo, 147, Youngstown, won over Tad Deloretto, 149, E. Liverpool, O., in a torrid four rounder. This bout had the crowd on its feet from start to finish. It was Berezo's second pro fight; in his first one he stopped Copeland Turner in two rounds.

A new system of judging bouts has been instituted by the Youngstown Boxing Commission. Ray DePaul, chairman, Dr. J. E. Barnes, secretary, and Herb Petsch of the three man board, ordered that the referees, when they are not working as third man in the ring, should officiate as judges.

Jimmy Dunn is a frequent visitor to the Youngstown fights.

Tom Walsh, veteran fight manager, was a recent visitor here.

Forty rounds of boxing featured Youngstown's first outdoor show of the season, promoted by Bill Walsh. Boom Boom Mancini, 145½, was awarded the decision over Bobby Simmons, 147¾, of Indianapolis. Simmons, making his second appearance in Youngstown, the first against Tommy Bell, dropped another disputed decision. In his both fights the crowd thought Simmons copped the duke and the last night they booed so loudly that the announcer could not get attention to introduce the principals in the next event.

The undercard provided plenty of action. Three Warren, O., boys, all handled by Jack Thompson, gave the fans something to talk about. Moe Harvey, 133½, gave Kid Tagg, 131, Pittsburgh, Pa., a good going over and Referee Johnny Corbett wisely stopped the bout to save Tagg from further punishment. Tommy Brocken, 158, and Jimmy West, 164, Pittsburgh, Pa., put up a good fight with Brocken displaying a neat left jab and hook. It was all even in the first two, then Brocken came on to win handily. Joe Salcone, the third Warren youngster, 134¾, and Freddy Walsh, 130¼, of Pittsburgh, put on a beautiful boxing exhibition in the third four. Salcone finished stronger to gain the verdict.

Bobby Timpson, 134¾, continued his winning ways making it six straight by decisively whipping the more experienced Arbie Bowie, 134¾, Alliquippa, Pa.

Smokey Robinson, 141, Buffalo, shaded Allen Thomas, 141¾, Pittsburgh, in the best punching fight of the night. These two Negro boys never stopped throwing leather from gong to gong.

Charles Daniels, 150½, Pittsburgh, disposed of Verne Atkins, 150, Youngstown, in the third. Daniels chalked up his 20th win in 21 starts.

Matt McGowan is getting back in real action now that his boys have returned from the service. Matt manages Birskovich and Chris Tabor, recent runnerup in the AAU finals at Boston.

Roy J. (Rummy) De Paul, Dr. J. E. Barnes and Herb Petsch, the Boxing Commission, are doing a swell job in Youngstown.

Charley Burley is now free lancing but can be booked through this writer.

Joe Netro, Buffalo fight manager, is campaigning around these parts and doing all right for himself.

Glad to hear from readers. My address is Ohio Hotel, Youngstown, O. Send data of your fighters including pictures, if you have them available.

FANFARE from MISSOURI

By ROBERT B. DANA

FEATHERWEIGHTS predominated on the local scene again last month with Phil Terranova featured in bouts with Freddie Russo and Jimmy McAllister and Willie Pep fighting Aponte Torres. The last two bouts were staged in the Auditorium, whereas the Terranova-Russo scrap went to the Arena.

The turnout for Champion Pep's St. Louis debut was disappointing and was due to several factors. Torres had been decisively whipped by Terranova here previously and that hurt the Pep gate. Against Pep he failed to win a round. Five nights later Pep handed Jimmy Joyce more of the same dose up in Minneapolis.

In the semi-final, Johnny Cesario outpointed Bob Davis of Kansas City. Davis was on the carpet in rounds one and two. After that, however, he had the better of the fight, but he was too far in arrears to overcome the eight-point deficit. Johnny Tabbs again beat Gene McGovern and thereby established himself as our leading boy in the 150-pound bracket. John Gully made a nice showing against Darby Dan and fought the latter to a standstill in a four-rounder. The weights were announced at 174 and 179, respectively. A. B. Bartlett finally won a fight, beating Otha Brandon in the curtain raiser.

Russo and Terranova made an interesting fight at the Arena. In the early stages Russo stood off at long range and gave Phil a pretty good left handling, but as the bout wore on he stayed in close and took an awful mauling. Either Freddie has no right hand or elected to leave it back home. His insistence on infighting, for which he has no talent, was his undoing.

And if Russo was tough it might just as well be noted that Jimmy McAllister was quite to the contrary. He folded up like a camp stool in four rounds with Terranova, the coup de grâce being a right to the chin.

Fred Latson fought on both Terranova shows in the role of semi-finalist. Freddie is a clean-cut looking Negro boy with considerable class for one as inexperienced, but to elevate him to the semi-windup is an absurdity, especially now that the manpower shortage is equalizing itself.

Eddie Dames has turned pro and notched two wins since so doing. He made a veritable punching bag out of Oliver Johnson and then defeated Nick Sanders in his second "out." Eddie, unlike so many amateurs of long standing instinctively knows how to pace himself, and if he stays in reasonably good shape the plucky little fellow should do well.

Milton Jones, another recent dischargee, had no trouble in defeating Jerry Marshall, underneath Terranova and Russo, Milton was about the first St. Louis boy to ever make the National Golden Glove grade.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

By JOE FRENCH

AFTER an absence of three years while serving with the Army, your correspondent is again back as district reporter for RING Magazine. Previous to entering the service, we handled the coverage of Kentucky fight news during 1941 and 1942.

Professional boxing is coming back to Louisville, Ky., under new promotion after remaining on the sidelines during most of the war years. The last program staged in the Derby City was in 1944. Bobby Millsap, the Milwaukee puncher, was featured against Bob Garner, local light-heavy attraction. The new combination, known as the Derbytown Athletic Club, is headed by Frank Cahill, local attorney and boxing supporter, and sponsored by the American Legion. The American Legion's share of the gate will be contributed to children's charities.

Cecil Payne and Wishy Jones, two of Louisville's outstanding ring performers of former years, have been released from the armed forces. Payne hopes to return to the fight game as a trainer and manager.

Al "Candy" Martin, Negro amateur light-heavyweight recently out of the armed forces, has signed a managerial contract with Joe French and will soon get going in the pro ranks.

Bob Garner, hard-hitting Louisville Negro, who is active in both the light-heavy and heavyweight classes, continues to be the best local product.

Send all news and notes for this column by the first of each month. Your writer's address is Joe French, 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

LITTLE JIMMY McCLELLAN banged out a clear cut win over Frankie Gerrard in the feature bout of the Toledo Boxing Club. The main event was scheduled to be the joust between Bill Parsons and Chuck Hirst, but all of Northwest Ohio's interest was centered on the two local boys, both of whom had run up an impressive string of wins. As a result the latter was given top billing. Gerrard was outclassed and outgunned. But the ex-Marine made up in heart what he lacked in strength and skill, and made a great fight of it all the way. He came off the floor after each of his several knockdowns to swap punches with his rival. At no time in the fight did Frankie hold or stall.

Jimmy displayed the power of an Army tank in rolling over his game rival for local honors. Flooring Frankie three times in the opening round, he kept him in trouble all the way, and flashed a relentless, devastating attack that Frankie miraculously survived.

The Parsons-Hirst bout was a heartbreaker. Both boys tried hard, but just couldn't make a go of it. Parsons a counter-puncher, could not counter the speedier southpaw leads, but protected himself well, and made Hirst so cautious that it turned out to be a very dull fight.

With no previous warning the referee stopped the bout at the end of the eighth round and declared the bout no contest.

The Commission very intelligently overruled him, and the bout went on without the original official. The bout was a draw.

Perry Mason, erstwhile Toledo southpaw, returned to the ring wars, and pounded out a clean cut win over A. C. Rogers, tough product of the Brewster Center's boxing school.

Al Diaz, Mexican 150-pound boy, won a great battle from Len Nelson of Detroit, in six, and Ed Perry gave Johnny Varcy of Detroit, a trouncing.

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fifth. Woodcock in turn, also had a bloody nose suffered in the third and bled from a wound in the head suffered after bumping noggins with his rival in the final round. But in every phase of the battling up to the knockout. Bruce was Tami's equal.

He willingly closed with his stronger opponent every time the occasion warranted and instead of being scared by the reputation of his rival and the fact that he was conceding almost twelve pounds to Tami, he showed no hesitancy in trading blows and stood his ground under the powerful lefts tossed often by the New Yorker.

When it came to hitting, Mauriello soon learned that he had better respect the man whom he had been informed would be a soft touch. Twice Bruce clipped Mauriello with rights and on one occasion, in the third, Tami shook from head to heels. The blow shook the Bronxite to his ankles and had Woodcock followed the attack, he might have scored a knockout.

But Bruce showed poor judgment by backing away from his dazed victim thus giving Mauriello the chance to recover. Bruce explained this lack of confidence in himself by declaring that he was told by his handlers not to attempt to finish his man early but to wait until he would tire, some time after the sixth round they figured.

Well, that mistake cost Bruce a possible victory. The same thing happened in the fourth round. Tami caught Woodcock with a right to the heart and a left to the jaw and stung the visitor badly. He was shaken up but instead of retreating, he elected to fight back and this he did with fury. One of his punches, a terrific right, clipped Tami on the jaw and again his knees shook and he seemed on the verge of going down, but recovered.

Tami weighed 198¼ to 186¾ for Bruce.

Little Things Build Joe Louis Legend

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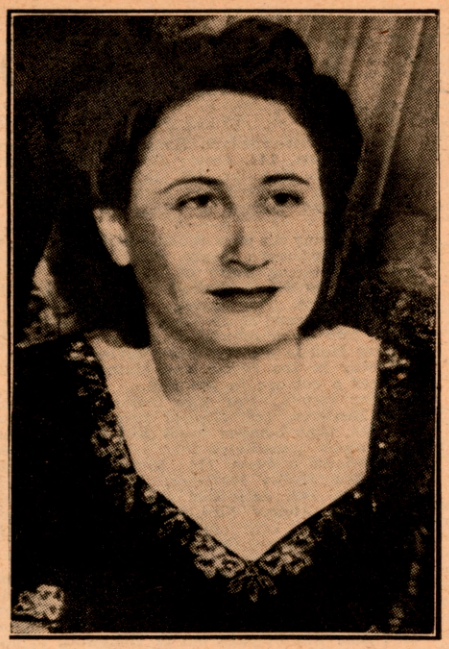
began to look like the information booth in Grand Central Station.

One of them stopped Jimmy Johnston, who was Abe's manager as they both climbed the stairs after one round, and solemnly introduced himself. They shook hands. There was another who grabbed Abe's water bottle during one of the minute rest periods and holding it aloft, emptied it on Abe's head.

The final stop on the bum-of-the-month tour almost ended in disaster, and did end in confusion. Buddy Baer reared back and uncorked his Sunday punch—and there was Joe, astonishingly out through the ropes, lying on his back on the ring apron in the very first round. As he went through between the top and middle strands, however, his foot got caught in Buddy's leg, and the leverage held him there.

And there was the "rhubarb" at the finish—whether Baer had been counted out in the final moments of the sixth round; whether he'd been hit after the bell; whether he'd been disqualified because his seconds refused to leave the ring starting the seventh. The latter was the official windup, but Referee Donovan wasn't making it very clear to newsmen at first.



Recently appointed Texas Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Mrs. Maureen Moore, mother of two children, also has supervision over professional boxing and wrestling through a peculiar ruling of the Texas legislature. That strange noise in the background? Oh, that's Corbett, Sullivan, Ketchel and about a hundred other ring greats of yesteryear revolving in their graves!

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BILLY CONN was next, and very nearly ended the Bomber's reign. In the 12th, he all but floored Joe with a left hook and you remember how he came back to his corner, waving that right hand high and shouting, "I'll flatten him next round."

Over in Joe's corner, meantime, Blackburn worked over the champ, had time for only one sentence.

"Chappie, y'know you're losin' the title—y'gotta knock him out now."

"Guess I'll have to knock him out then, Chappie," Joe replied.

He did—in the next round, after Conn let his "Irish" get the better of him and pulled back a left hand too far trying to slug. In his dressing room later, Conn's manager, Johnny Ray, explained it simply.

"Billy, if you had a Jewish head instead of an Irish head, you'd be the heavyweight champion right now."

After Conn it was Lou Nova. Lou came up with the cosmic punch and the dynamic stance—and what the trade described as "two left feet." All three of them were good for laughs, but not for fighting.

Joe must have been reading about the cosmic and the dynamic and the Yogi stuff Lou was going to spring on him. He was more cautious in that fight than he'd ever been—and he had less reason for caution than in any fight in his career.

The little thing about this one you remember was the fourth round when Lou wound up and let go his cosmic punch, and it missed by a foot. Joe stopped right in the middle of the ring and laughed at him. From then on—school was out.

In '42 Joe took on Buddy Baer again in a magnificent gesture—giving his entire purse, except for training expenses (altogether the gift was $47,100.94 out of $65,200), to Navy Emergency Relief. The next day he enlisted in the army. It was for this fight that old Jack Blackburn, his friend, adviser, teacher and trainer, wasn't feeling well, but he came to the corner.

"This one, Chappie," Joe told him, "I'll see you don't have to do any climbing these ring stairs between rounds."

He kept his word—belted Buddy out in a round.

Then came Abe Simon again, this time for Army Emergency Relief. The army got $36,146 of Joe's $45,882 purse from it. The referee stopped it in the sixth and Big Abe was nearly in tears. He walked from side to side of the ring, leaning against the ropes and calling out to ringsiders.

"Do you think they should have stopped it—do you?"

Then Conn again—the same small incidents that add up to the Louis legend. They started early, these little things about the fight.

For instance, when Joe was leaving on his first overseas exhibition tour to entertain GI's in Europe, Billy, who was then waiting for a similar assignment, called him on the phone.

"Now take good care of yourself over there, Joe—take very good care of yourself.

"You know, you and I have an important date to make some important money as soon as the war's over. And I don't want anything happening to you."

"Don't worry, Billy," Joe came back. "I ain't forgetting a thing. Especially our date. I'll be very careful for you, Billy."

California Favorites

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hoping that some other big, inexperienced fellow would show up with the same request. But every other heavy that came around had already had some experience.

One night when stuck for an opponent for a pretty fair light-heavy, who had won three or four bouts in a row, Charp asked for the bout. When informed he would be over-matched, he replied, "I saw him beat those other fellows and I ain't as fancy as he is, but I oughta be able to hit him just once, an' that's all I need." And sure enough, Nolan Sharp only needed to hit him once. And he only needed one solid punch to dispose of other opponents at this club in following weeks.

After five or six of these quick kayoes, someone became his manager and turned him pro.

Sharp has been boxing but two years, but already has opposed such fighters as Johnny Haynes, Rusty Payne, John Donnelly, Buddy Millard, Jackie Burke and Tommy Garland. Although still slow and awkward in his boxing, he packs such a heavy punch that many of our California heavies have no desire to meet him. He was beaten by the good boxers listed above, but his recent wins may indicate that he is to make the grade from now on, for Nolan is but 25 years of age and has engaged in only 24 professional bouts. Nolan was born at Bryan, Tex., Sept. 18, 1920. He is managed by Billy East of Los Angeles.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

LAST September I wrote that "California was second only to New York in boxing activities." I received a few letters questioning that statement, boxing fans of a couple of other states inquiring if I were aware of the gate receipts in their larger cities. Well, it has now been officially stated that California was second only to New York in gate receipts and attendance during 1945.

However, more power to you loyal citizens who questioned the statement. It is such zealous interest that is responsible for the success of boxing in both your state and mine.

Manuel Ortiz defended his world's bantamweight title against Kenny Lindsay of Vancouver, B. C., but we promise not to get excited over it. The bout topped a benefit show for the Los Angeles Tuberculosis Sanatorium, otherwise, Lindsay would not have been in there fighting for the title, as he no longer rates such recognition. It was a scheduled fifteen-rounder, staged at the Hollywood Stadium.

Lindsay moved fast, but it was little more than shadow-boxing. He made a point of keeping far away from the champ. Ortiz started lazily, as usual, but got down to business late in the second round, demonstrating how easily it could be done. He weaved in close and flattened the Canadian for a 9-count just before the bell. Manuel stalked Lindsay during the third and fourth heats, hurt him on numerous occasions, but made no attempt to finish him. In the fifth he quickly put the Canadian down for the full count. Ortiz weighed 118, Lindsay 117.

In supporting bouts, Roman Starr, 162, Oklahoma, was awarded the nod over Bobby Castro, 160, Los Angeles, in the semi (6); Morrie Corona, 145, disposed of Clarence Dalton (2); Jimmy Shans, 147, laced Uli Harris (4); Tony Jackson, 135, blasted out Jimmy Lawrence, (1); Johnny Martinez, 124, whipped Bobby Molino in four.

Al Lang, well known trainer, acted as matchmaker for the Sportsmen's Club, promoters of this benefit show.

Frankie Russell, 153, up-and-coming Los Angeles boxer, more than made good in his first main-event, by stopping Ray Rovelli, 154, New York, at the Ocean Park Arena. Although a good puncher, Russell hardly figured to outpoint the experienced Rovelli, let alone kayo the rugged Italian.

Frankie performed like a veteran to outbox the New Yorker in each of the first four rounds, then uncorked some heavy punches in the fifth to drop Rovelli for a 9-count. Ray was out on his feet when the bout was stopped.

Other results: George Fields, 153, bested Alex Childs, 150, in the six-round semi; Johnny Ramirez, 145, and Billy Mitchell, 142, drew in four; Jimmy Lawrence, 141, K.O.'ed Tony Jackson, 137, in third; Benny Dodrill, 146, nodded Kenny Bales, 143, in four.

Little Giant, 126, Buffalo, and Ramon Ruiz, 123, Mexico, battled to a draw in ten action packed rounds at the San Diego Coliseum. Ruiz was far out in front at end of seventh, having outspeeded the little Negro, as well as spilling him for a no-count in the third and staggering him in the fifth. However, Lefwich also dropped Ruiz for a no-count in the third and rocked the Mexican numerous times with overhand rights in the final three rounds, to pull up even. (Lefwich is the Little Giant, should the reader wonder how he got in this fight.)

In remaining bouts, J. D. Spencer, 160, and Art Sarkia, 165, battled to a draw in the semi, (6); Bob Murphy, 160, K.O.'ed Lou Mosely, 155, (5); Flash Gordon, 142, decisioned Jose Silva, (4); Jimmy Sanders, 145, beat Mill Minor, (4).

In seeing Fritzie Zivic trounce Don Lee, the impression was that the ex-champ could still beat a lot of them. In seeing him badly beaten by Jackie Wilson, one wonders how Zivic could whip anyone. Wilson had too much of everything for the Pittsburgh vet in their 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, and gave him a terrific pasting. Zivic was credited with only one round, the ninth, when he landed some solid rights that rocked Wilson to his toes, and Fritzie kept it even in two other rounds.

Wilson fought fast and hard to garner the first six rounds by wide margins. Jackie staggered Zivic repeatedly with rights to the jaw in the sixth, but the veteran wouldn't go down. In trying to finish Fritzie, the Negro boxer tired, and the Pittsburgher was able to hold his own in the seventh and eighth heats. They mixed it furiously in the final round, with Wilson in command. Jackie forced Zivic around the ring with a two-fisted attack. Wilson, weighing 144, was a 5 to 1 favorite, and looked it. Zivic scaled 147. A capacity crowd witnessed the one-sided affair.

In the semi, Ramon Alva, 128, Mexico, rocked Joe Alvano, 127, to sleep in the opening round. The Mexican landed an overhand right on the Italian's glass chin to lay him out like a rug. Alvano is too tall and weak for his weight and could be seriously hurt some time.

In the four-rounders, Sonny Hill, 137, and Wilfred Scott, 144, drew; Jimmy Martin, 171, K.O.'ed Bob Hawkins, 167, in the fourth; Mel Brown, 162, defeated Art Sarkia, 167; Charles Cureton, 136, nodded Al Riley, 133.

In pounding out a six-round decision over Jesse Hall, 183, Spokane Negro, Babe Edwards, 180, promising young heavy of Los Angeles, wiped out the only defeat chalked up against him in fifteen starts. The contest, a hard punching affair, was staged at the Long Beach Auditorium. After two even rounds, Edwards came on to outslug Hall in the last four, having Jesse in a bad way in the fourth and sixth heats. Babe suffered a cut eye in the first.

Other results: Pee Wee Swingler, 120, and Luis Renteria, 128, slugged furiously for two minutes, then bumped heads and both received cuts, which necessitated their setto being halted and declared a draw, (1); Ramiro Lopez, 130, shellacked Nacho Martinez, 128, (4); Chick Musgrove, 147, decisioned Del Campo Provost, 148, (4); Jimmy Sanders, 145, disposed of Kenny Bales, 142, (2); Benny Dodrill, 147, shaded Ray Castro, (4).

Texas, that big, grand state that produces so much oil, beef and cowboy bands, is apparently short on featherweight scrappers. Manny Ortega of El Paso, the highly-touted 126-pound champion of Texas, was brought out to Hollywood to appear in a 10-rounder against Jose (Baby) Gonzales. Ortega is a hard hitter, nothing else. He has little defence, is gawky and his timing is bad. I doubt that he would ever make the top billing if he had to campaign in California preliminary ranks.

Gonzales, apparently respectful of the Texan's reputation, started cautiously and the opening round was tame. Jose commenced to make Ortega look bad in the second and went to work on him in the third. Gonzales made Manny miss continuously and then rocked him to his heels about every minute from then until the go was halted at the end of the sixth, when Ortega suffered a cut over his right eye.

However, the cut wasn't necessary to justify the bout being stopped, it had become that one-sided, and many of the crowd had already left the arena. The go lacked excitement, as the Texas champ couldn't hit Gonzales and Jose wasn't putting out with much effort. Gonzales weighed 128, Ortega, 126.

In the semi, Francis Ogg, 173, Sacramento, punched out a decision over Willie Johnson, 169, Los Angeles Negro, in a bruising six-rounder. Johnson was dropped for a 1-count in the fourth and suffered a cut eye.

In the prelims, Jimmy Shans, 144, whipped George Fields, 150, in four; Al Calderon, 152, iced Chuck Railey, 150, in the second; Kenny Hilton, 134, decisioned Earl Maynard, 128, in four; Melvin Brown, 161, stopped Red Terry, 158, in two.

That speedy, clever little Negro of Chicago, Harold Dade, 124, handed Joe Borjon, 125, Stockton, his first defeat, in a sizzling eight rounder at Fresno. Dade bobbed in and out with fast lefts to befuddle the hard hitting Mexican, and even when Borjon did occasionally find a parking place for his vaunted right, the spirited little Negro didn't appear to be hurt by it. As the fight progressed the action became more intense and they tossed lots of leather in the final two rounds, when Borjon made a desperate attempt to even it up. Dade was credited with five of the rounds, Borjon only one, with two even.

In another eight-rounder, albeit a tame one, George Millich, 178, Sacramento's promising young heavy, easily outpointed Leroy Bolden, 170, St. Louis Negro. Bolden marred the action by his clinching tactics. Millich was credited with six of the rounds, two heats being even.

Other results: Mickey Gimmell, 145, Redding, iced Alberto Ayala, 144, Mexico, in two; Gilbert Gonzales, 128, Fresno, belted out Dario Mendoza, 126, Pinedale, in the first; Billy Clark, 127, Fresno, beat Joe Mendoza, 123, Bakersfield, in four.

Thanks to Babe McCoy, matchmaker of the Los Angeles Olympic and Ocean Park Arena, the promising young fighters of our local preliminary ranks are being given every opportunity to graduate into the main events and become drawing cards. The most recent of these youngsters to get such consideration and make the most of it was Val Valentine, formerly of Denver. McCoy chose Valentine to oppose Mickey Quack of Pittsburgh, in the Easterner's California debut. It was a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park club.

Quack, a protege of Fritzie Zivic, is about as cagy as his tutor, and he made Valentine look quite amateurish at times. Val missed most of his punches, but shook up the Pittsburgher when he did land. Mickey was far out in front at end of the eighth, but Val made such a determined rally in the final two heats that the judges voted him a draw. Each weighed 119½.

In remaining bouts: Johnny Koster, 185, chilled Carmen Fredricks, 175, (1); Jimmy Shans, 149, disposed of Ray Thomas, 154, (1); Nick Moreno, 190, and Baldy Duke, 205, bumped heads, Moreno receiving a cut, bout halted and declared a draw, (1); Frankie Reposa, 131, whipped Al Riley, 133, (4); Al Bradford, 124, iced Irving Cates, 129, (1). The prelims lated less than 20 minutes, yet, the crowd didn't complain, for, while short, they were also sweet.

Pedro Ramirez, 127, Mexico, stopped Tony Becerra, 130, rugged Mexico Indian, in the seventh round at the San Diego Coliseum. Becerra was ahead at end of the fifth, having copped most of the early rounds with solid right-crosses and uppercuts, but Tony apparently used up all his B-complex at that point, for he was dead tired when he came out for the sixth. Ramirez then took over, punishing Becerra with a two-fisted attack in close. Pedro dropped Tony with a left hook in the seventh. Becerra arose at count of nine with arms hanging limp and Ramirez belabored his defenseless foe with both fists, but the Indian gamester wouldn't go down. Referee Frank Rustich came to his rescue.

In the prelims: Bob Murphy, 160, spilled J. D. Spencer seven times to win by T.K.O. in the fifth; Bernardo Ramirez, 132, stopped Luis Renteria, 130, in the fifth; Jimmy Sanders decisioned Rick Rodriguez, in four; Ray Castro T.K.O.'ed Bill Minor in the second.

Carlos Chavez is our state featherweight champ, and local boxing experts have considered him one of the best in the country. We didn't think there was another featherweight right here in our own alley who could fight him to a standstill but that is what Jose (Baby) Gonzales did do. Chavez was a 6 to 1 favorite when they met at the Los Angeles Olympic, but the expected romp almost turned out to be a rout, as Carlos had to go all out to win the final round by a shade, to get a draw.

The bout started in waltz time, but ended up at a blistering pace. At first, Gonzales appeared leery of his confident foe, but kept the first three rounds rather close by some clever defensive boxing, and took the fourth by bopping Carlos on the jaw with some rights. Riled, Chavez turned on the heat to win the fifth and sixth rounds, but the effort slowed him down, and Gonzales did some fast, two-fisted fighting to cop the next three cantos. Chavez had the best of the tenth, which he needed, to pull up even. Chavez weighed 129, Gonzales 128.

Other results: Dave Hernandez, 130, pulled the surprise of the month by stopping Nick Diaz, 129, in two rounds. Tearing out at the bell, Hernandez started tossing rights, most of which landed on Diaz's jaw. Nick was dropped for a 3-count shortly before the referee intervened. Baldy Duke, 204, beat Hardy Williams, 211, in four; Bill McClure, 195, disposed of Austin O'Jibway, 210, in the opening round; Al Gonzales, 140, defeated Billy Mitchell, 144, in four.

Making his first start in a ten-rounder, Jackie McCoy, 126, proved that he could go the distance and have something left, by stopping Bert White, 130, Chicago Negro, in the ninth round at the Long Beach Auditorium. The timid-looking little Irishman boxed beautifully to cop every one of the eight heats, then came out punching in the ninth to add a nice finish to a job well done. A left hook spun White into the ropes, a right decked him for an 8-count. Another right to the jaw put the Chicagoan back on the canvas for eight seconds more. A flurry of blows put White down for the third and last time.

In the semi, Mario Trigo, 131, San Antonio, won easily over Sal Sanchez, 130, San Diego, (4); Benny Dodrill, 146, won by T.K.O. over Eddie Ryan, 144, due to an eye cut, (1); Chuck Edwards, 130, outpunched Tony Jackson, 135, (4); Leon Marcus, 127, outsmarted Frank Martinez, 131, (4); Mike De La Rosa, 116, outboxed Bobby Molina, 118, (4).

"Go east, old man" has been the advice given quite a number of our washed-up fighters during the past year. And we admit that there have been some California boxers of rather poor calibre campaigning in other parts of the country in recent months. But all of the "pushovers" are not from our state and we would thank the promoters for not billing so many of the "importations" as being of California.

We will not disclaim our own because of their defeats, whether they be boxers of ability or "stumble-bums", but investigation discloses that too many of these so-called "California" fighters have never boxed in this state, or are not even residents of this sunny clime.

If Regino Aguila couldn't fight any better than he did against Bobby Yaeger at the Hollywood Stadium, little Margaret O'Brien could beat him. However, he can fight better than that, but it is of this particular performance that I write. Briefly, Aguila didn't fight at all. He would have been just as formidable had he "stood in bed". Yaeger, too, was rather timid about forcing the fight and for three rounds it was very dull.

Urging from the crowd prompted Yaeger to go after Aguila in the fourth, and Bobby crowded

the Mexican into the ropes, where Bobby gave him a lacing. The Negro boy came out in the fifth to finish it—and did. He bloodied Aguila with lefts, made him wince with blows to the body and staggered him with rights to the jaw. It was a gashed eye that ended the one-sided affair, although Referee Mushy Callahan explained that he was about to stop it anyway. Yaeger weighed 143, Aguila 145.

In the semi, Al Callahan, 167, won a close decision over Willie Johnson, 169, in a bruising six-rounder. A 1-count knockdown in the final heat was the margin of victory, the two Negro sluggers having battled on even terms up to that point. Callahan was loudly booed for hitting Johnson from behind.

In the four-rounders, Bernardo Ramirez, 132, decisioned Mario Trigo, 133; Johnny Meyer, 158, was awarded the nod over George Fields, 155; Malcolm Smith, 152, beat Del Campo Provost, 148; Ramiro Lopez, 128, and Joe Prado, 127, drew.

A good fighter when in shape, Vicente Villavicencio, 155, of Tijuana, (Mex.) had little trouble disposing of Young Salvatore, 147, San Francisco, in four rounds at Fresno. Villavicencio outclassed Salvatore from the beginning and systematically cut the 'Frisco boy down to where he was easy prey for the coup de grace in the fourth. A right to the body did it.

In the semi, Billy Gibson, 132, San Francisco Negro, copped an exciting six-rounder over Baby Santiago, 129, Stockton. Gibson punched out a good margin in the first three rounds, but Santiago came back to slug it out on even terms in the last three heats.

In other bouts, L. C. Blueford, 159, Merced, decisioned Louie Gordon, 160, Bakersfield, (6); Andy Kim, 147, San Francisco, K.O.'ed Wes Terrill, 140, Tulare, (2); Baby Adame, 122, Mexico, bested Dario Mendoza, 124, Pinedale, (4).

Being the underdog and "hero" in the eyes of the crowd, paid off for Miguel Rubi of Mexico, in his ten-rounder with Frankie Russell of Los Angeles, at the Ocean Park Arena. Russell hit Rubi with everything in the book in the first half of the fast punching duel, but the effort slowed him down in the late rounds and the colorful Mexican made a Garrison finish to win the hearts of the crowd and turn the heads of the judges.

Russell was credited with five of the rounds, two were tabbed as even and Rubi copped the other three heats, which, in the eyes (or ears) of the judges, gave Miguel a 1- or 2-point lead, in spite of the fact that there were no knockdowns. Rubi's best round was the ninth, in which he staggered Russell and caused him to clinch. Rubi weighed 148, Russell 152.

In the four-round semi, Richie Mendoza, 129, up-and-coming Santa Monica boy, nodded Earl Maynard, 128, Alhambra, but had a narrow escape, being flattened for a 9-count in the third by the hard punching blond.

Other results: Jimmy Lawrence, 140, K.O.'ed Henry Trujillo, 135, in two; Jay Wall, 155, iced Leon Lewis, 154, in the second; Charles Cureton, 136, bested Tony Jackson, 135, in four; Del Campo Provost, 147, won from Benny Dodrill, 145, in four.

This is news! Yes sir, when Little Giant (Horace Lefwich to his Buffalo buddies) is beaten in a San Diego ring, it is news. And he was beaten—and how! Pedro Ramirez of Mexico, not only copped seven of the ten rounds, but also put Giant on the deck in three of the heats. The wind-milling little Negro tossed a lot of leather and made a fight of it all the way, but was outboxed and out-punched by the Mexican visitor.

Ramirez never batted an eye when hit by Giant's Sunday punches, but the dwarf Negro took trips every time that Pedro tagged him with his best blows. Pedro spilled Horace for 8 in the fifth with a left hook, for 8 in the seventh with a right to the jaw, and (probably to show versatility) for 8 in the tenth with a blow to the body. Ramirez weighed 127, Giant 126.

In supporting bouts: Frisco James, 178, floored Horace Thompson, 190, three times to hammer out a decisive victory, (6); Les Arterbridge, 160, defeated Lou Mosely, 154, (6); Manuel Silva and Buford Stewart wound up with a technical draw, (2); Flash Gordon K.O.'ed Dick Rodriguez, (2).

Larry Cisneros of New Mexico, added the name of Memo Llanes of old Mexico, to his mounting list of victims by scoring a T.K.O. victory in the ninth round at the Hollywood Stadium. It was a hard fought affair, in which Cisneros, the busier and more rugged of the two gamesters, piled up a comfortable lead before the bout was halted because of a badly cut eye.

Llanes operated a well-oiled left hand, making it tough for Larry, who must, because of his short arms, get in close to use his ruggedness to advantage. But Llanes seldom used his right, and it takes more than one good hand to keep the determined Cisneros from getting in and giving his opponents a body beating. Larry shook Memo up a number of times with solid blows to the head, but Llanes always came back fighting. The wound that caused the setto to be stopped in the ninth had first been opened in the sixth. Cisneros weighed 137, Llanes 138.

In the semi, Sammy Anders, 133, Texas Negro, won by T.K.O. over Raul Bustamante, 133, Mexico, in the second round, when a gash over the Mexican's left eye was torn open. (Incidentally, the public was given little consideration when Bustamante was put on this card, as he had been T.K.O.'ed because of this same cut just a week before.) It was a wild setto while it lasted.

In the prelims: Morris Corona, 145, whipped Ruiz Llanes, 144, in four; Jack Black, 136, decisioned Tino Leon, 137, in four; Willie Brown, 163, iced Les Arterbridge, 161, in the opening canto; Ray Jiminez, 135, stopped Charles Cureton, 136, in the second.

Santa Barbara, just a hundred miles north of Los Angeles, is back on the professional boxing circuit. In recent years this beautiful city has had only amateur boxing. The local American Legion is sponsoring the sport, with Johnny Erjavec engaged as matchmaker.

Remember Erjavec? A hard hitting heavyweight of Duluth, Minn., Johnny was meeting the best of them back in '36 and '37. Among his opponents were Lou Nova, Maxie Rosenbloom, John Henry Lewis, Chuck Crowell, Jimmy Adamick, etc.

Johnny Erjavec's initial offering to Santa Barbara fans was a clash between Johnny Eaton, Detroit Negro middleweight, and Roman Starr, Oklahoma Indian. It was a six-rounder, staged at the Mission Arena. Eaton, punching harder and faster than the Oklahoman, won the decision, but was hard pressed throughout. The Detroiter is a good puncher, but the rugged Starr soaked up the Negro's best blows and came right back for more. Both fighters sustained eye cuts.

In three supporting bouts, Horace Thompson, Los Angeles Negro heavyweight, whipped Carmen Fredricks of Cleveland, in a hard fought setto, (5); Tony (Mickey Mouse) Ramirez, 120, Santa Barbara, defeated Bobby Molina, 118, Los Angeles, (5); Johnny Hunt, 160, disposed of Lou Mosely, 154, (2).

The show was well patronized.

If some clever scribe like Bill Miller were writing up the Billy Smith-Walter (Popeye) Woods scrap, he probably would give it a Pagliacci twist, getting in the "Laugh, Clown, Laugh" angle. The sudden collapse of the New York fighting clown was that pathetic. Woods opened with his clowning and got results in the first heat, making Smith miss badly and causing the crowd to laugh.

Smith kept Woods too busy to clown in the second but the cagey New Yorker did some clever boxing and the Oakland Negro still missed most of his blows. Smith did land a few punches near the end of the round, one of which turned the tide in his favor. It was a solid right to Woods' left eye as Walter was coming off the ropes. The eye puffed up immediately.

Smith nailed Woods on that injured optic early in the third and poor Walter was really a Popeye after that punch. His eye closed tightly and swelled up to the size of a hen's egg. He slumped to the canvas in pain. Up at the count of 9, Woods backpedaled, but Smith was on him with both fists. Seconds later, the bald-pated veteran again sank to the floor, this time for the full count. Popeye was not out, but in pain and too handicapped to continue. Smith weighed 171, Woods 168.

In the six-round semi, Bill McClure, 194, Minneapolis Negro, gave Johnny Ebarb, 181, Oakland, a terrific beating for four rounds, but tired himself out trying to stop the Oakland gamester. McClure was harmless in the last two rounds, but Ebarb couldn't punch hard enough to hurt his exhausted foe.

Other results: Freddie Beshore, 190, K.O.'ed Jack Glover, 210, in the third; Johnny Hunt, 160, decisioned Garfield Coleman, 164, in four; Sammy Williams, 131, nodded Bernardo Ramirez, 132, in four; Julio Franco, 140, defeated Wilfred Scott, 144, in the opener.

After witnessing Harold Dade chalk up his third victory in the Raisin City ring, I venture to say that the Fresno fans are wondering—just as I am—if there is a fighter of his weight in California who can beat him. The little Negro, formerly of Chicago, is a bundle of class. His third victim at Fresno was Billy Gibson of San Francisco, a hard puncher who held Dade almost even for four rounds, but faded under the blistering pace that the Los Angeles (we claim him now) speedster always sets.

Gibson shook Dade up occasionally with a hard right and held his own in some of the hot exchanges, but most of the time during the eight-rounder, Dade was pumping in punches from all angles and causing Billy to flounder around in his attempt to land on his elusive foe. Dade weighed 126, Gibson 130.

In the semi-windup, also an eight-rounder, Young Salvatore, 147, San Francisco, decisioned Mickey Gimmell, 144, Redding. It was a fast, hard fought go.

In remaining bouts: Gene Loughridge, 150, Los Angeles, outpointed Mike Stankovich, 146, Vallejo, (6); Jerry Brown, 168, San Francisco, and Bobby Lee, 163, Fresno, drew, (4); Clarence Marvin, 132, Auberry, K.O.'ed Gil Gonzales, (2).

Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee Negro, greatly impressed local fans by the manner in which he beat Frankie Angustain at the Hollywood Stadium. Sherrer boxed nicely, punched solidly and showed lots of spirit. And Jimmy had to use all three assets to the 'nth degree to conquer the game Mexican. Angustain didn't figure to whip the clever Negro, but he was expected to make it interesting for both Sherrer and the customers—and Frank did.

After three rounds of sparring, in which Jimmy had a shade, the fireworks started in the fourth, when they swapped punches on a fifty-fifty basis. Sherrer had an edge of a furious exchange in the fifth, and he dished out a real lacing to Frankie in the sixth, during which Angustain was dropped for a 7-count. Sherrer slowed up during the next two rounds, and Frankie rushed into close quarters to outmaul the Cream City boxer in the seventh, and to keep it close in the eighth. That was Angustain's last stand.

Sherrer came out fast in the ninth and put Frankie down for a count of 7 with a two-fisted barrage. Shortly after, Angustain again sank to the canvas, more from exhaustion than the punches, and Referee Denny Whitman raised Sherrer's glove. The winner was outweighed by eight pounds, scaling 148 to Angustain's 156.

In the semi, Jimmy Martin, 172, Glendale, won easily over Allen Arnett, 172, in six rather dull rounds, due to Allen's reluctance to fight.

In the four-rounders: Bernardo Ramirez, 130, whipped Kenny Hilton, 133; Julio Franco, 141, stopped Alberto Ayala, 144, in the third; Willie Brown, 163, nodded Stew Adams, 155; Len Marcus, 127, and Joe Prado, 128, drew.

Although Al Erwin, 136, St. Paul, (Minn.) whipped in enough blows below the belt to lose more than one fight—were the first rules on fouling still in force—he also landed enough punches above the belt-line to win the decision over Joe Robleto, 134, Pasadena, in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Erwin, a terrific puncher, amused the crowd by his repeated signs of fatigue one minute, his renewed winging attack, the next. Robleto was decked twice in the first round, once in the third.

In the semi, Gene Loughridge, 149, added to his long string of victims the name of Ralph Mendoza, 151, in copping the four-round decision.

Other results: Alex Childs, 150, K.O.'ed Ray Williams, 151, in the first; Al Riley, 133, nodded Ramiro Lopez, 130, in four; Del Campo Provost, 152, defeated Benny Dodrill, 149, in four; Burbon Murphy, 153, drew with Ray Thomas, 155, in the opener.

Either Arturo Barron has greatly improved and is ripe for top billing at the big clubs, or Lou Bernal should be performing in the prelims. Their third meeting, a scheduled ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic, was that one-sided. These two, who entered the pro ranks about the same time, used to be evenly matched, but Bernal was little more than a punching bag for Arturo in this go, once Barron got down to the business at hand.

For three rounds, Barron only fooled around and Bernal couldn't do much about it. Those three heats were not only close, but also very drab and the arena was as quiet as Longfellow's home on the night before Christmas. Arturo started punching Bernal in the fourth, dropped him in the fifth, and did everything but stop him in the sixth, by which time Lou was a bloody sight. Bernal resembled a drunk who had fallen in a bucket of red paint, when the one-sided affair was halted in the eighth and awarded to Arturo by T.K.O. Barron weighed 138, Bernal 137.

In the semi, Al Callahan, 164, San Bernardino Negro, continued his winning ways in chilling Henry Rich, 162, in the opening round.

In remaining prelims: Freddie Beshore, 190, punched out a close win over Nick Moreno, 192, in four; Austin O'Jibway, 214, stopped Jack Glover, 212, in the fourth; Ramon Alva, 128, decisioned Sammy Williams, 132, in four; Al Gonzales, 141, bested Wilfred Scott, 142, in the curtain-raiser.

In another case where the judges decided by what they heard, rather than strictly by what they saw, Little Giant, 126, was awarded a decision over Ramon Ruiz, 120, in their ten-round return match at the San Diego Coliseum. However, the judges also heard a salvo of boos when the decision was announced, which should convince said judges that they know little of human nature. It is a characteristic of Americans to cheer the underdog coming from behind.

Ruiz was far out in front at end of the seventh. Then Little Giant put on a spurt to garner the last three rounds by slim margins. The crowd cheered his determined efforts, but they didn't mean that they thought he had won. Ruiz was down for a no-count in the first heat, Giant was spilled for a 7-count in the second. Referee Lee Ramage voted for Ruiz, both judges for Giant.

In the semi. Bernardo Ramirez, 132, won over Tigre De Canaea of Mexico, in a hard fought six-rounder.

Joe Nevarez, 124, T.K.O.'ed Irvin Cape in the third; Irving Steen, 145, decisioned Ramon Castro in four; Joe Prado, 128, drew with Alex Rivers.

Roscoe Scally, Pasadena Negro, got back in the win column at the expense of Petey Virgin, Schenectady (N. Y.), cutie, in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. The decision was a split one and there was a great diversity of opinion as to which fighter had the better of it, but no one became very hot over it, as the bout had been a rather drab affair, mostly due to Virgin's clinching.

The cagy Easterner landed three blows to Scally's one, but Roscoe has been hit harder by

his kid sister, while Scally's punches make a foe's feet hurt. Virgin pumped a lot of leather into the Negro's stomach and caused Roscoe to miss badly. Scally shook up the New Yorker a number of times, causing Petey to hold on. Referee Abe Roth had Virgin far out in front, both judges voted it to Scally by three points. As for myself—well, I kinda lost interest and can only remember that it was close. Each weighed 130.

The crowd was slim, partly due to a street-car strike.

In the semi, Tony Canelli, 150, clever Los Angeles Italian, punched out an easy win over Ossie Lewis, 152, local Negro slugger. Canelli won all six rounds and came close to stopping Lewis in the fifth.

In the four-rounders: Alex Childs, 154, and Jimmy Shans, 149, battled to a draw; Gene Loughridge, 148, whipped Malcolm Smith, 152; Julio Franco, 141, defeated Alberto Ayala, 142; Ray Jiminez, 135, outpointed Danny Ledesma, 141.

Bobby Jackson, 130, Denver, proved too rugged and hit too hard for Bernardo Ramirez, 131, Mexico, in a six-rounder at the Long Beach Auditorium. Ramirez made a fight of it, however, and even after being in a bad way in the fifth—during which he was decked for a 9-count—Bernardo came back to slug it out all during the final round.

Jackie McCoy, 126, pounded out a one-sided win over Ramiro Lopez, 120 Tijuana (Mex.), in the four-round semi. Winning every round, McCoy had Lopez down for 8 in the third, and in bad shape at the final bell.

Other results: Chuck Edwards, 129, K.O.'ed Joe Prado, 127, in the first round; Jimmy Lawrence, 140, decisioned Eddie Ryan, in four; Tony Jackson, 135, stopped Nacho Martinez in the second; Bobby Molino, 118, chilled ChuChu Cuate in two.

All who have written me for information during the month will be answered by letter, if you enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope. And please note, that a few letters have been returned to me marked "uncalled for," "not sufficient address", etc.

Would like to hear from any unattached boxers who are contemplating a trip to California, or, from managers who desire representation on the Coast. And I would appreciate hearing from Kenny Sharp, Dale Thompson, Jack Pickford, Harold Taylor, Angie Gileno, Willis Roberson, Harry Slajer.

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NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
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ORIGINALLY booked for Petro's main event were Sonny Horne and Jerry Fiorello, a couple of New York middleweights, with fair records. Sonny Horne was reported ill and one Tony Gillo subbed. The fight went on, and to quote the Houston *Press*: "Gillo had a badly hammered left eye, which caused the referee to stop the bout after nine rounds of tugging, hauling and heeling." Needless to say the fans took a beating, exceeded only by that of Petro.

The preliminary card: Augie Arellano, making a nice comeback, decisioned Wild Bill McDowell in a swell 10-round scrap. Gilbert Garcia, welterweight, stopped Jimmy Graves in his first pro outing in one. Jimmy McLaughlin, 150, scored a T.K.O. over Joe Harvey, 145, in two. Frankie Wallace, 138, K.O.'ed Mike Delgado, 140, in one. Harry Lasane, 130, stopped Bobby Sanders, 130, in one.

Tony Elizondo, clouting young Corpus Christi middleweight, recaptured the Texas 160-pound title from Punchin' Paul Altman, but he did it the hard way. Altman tagged Tony with his Sunday punch in the very first heat for a nine-count and again for the same in the second, but Tony is a gamester, and upon arising, piled up such a margin of victory that at the end of 10 rounds of bruising battling, he was far out in front. Beltin' Ben Johnson, 170, scored his 11th straight knockout at the expense of Ramon Maley, 167, in the first. Eddie Wilson (Ownby) stopped Tommy Charles, light-heavies, in four. Jimmy Curl, 159, defeated Julio Cerna, 159, in six. George Flores, 130, stopped Roger Sanchez, 134, in four.

Promoter Willie Jones made an auspicious debut in Corpus Christi, with Tony Elizondo and Jake Stephens headlining, before a capacity house that saw Elizondo stop Stephens in four rounds. In the supporting card Jose Mendoza decisioned Doug Gibson, lightweights, in six. George Silvas defeated Howard Carr, welterweights, in six. Pete Abrego flattened Woody Ellis, light-heavies, in one. Lauro Salas K.O.'ed Reymundo Ramirez, feathers, in one.

The surprise club of the state has proven to be in Austin, where Promoter Sid Kelso staged his opening card. A turnaway crowd saw Tom Attra, pride of the Capital, stow away Tommy Charles in three. They are light-heavies. Undercard, Joe Harvey K.O.'ed Oliver Hamm, welters, in three. Paul Gonzales knocked out Pedro Acosta, lightweights, in two. Gene Kelly beat Joe Laredo, feathers, in four, Joe Becka T.K.O.'ed Ollie Brewster, middleweights, in two.

Promoter Travis McCall's opening card at Dallas showed a disappointing crowd but excellent fights. In the main event, Howell Steen stopped Kenny Reed in 9 rounds. They are welters. Beltin' Ben Johnson flattened Tommy Irwin, heavyweights, in three. Pancho Medrano decisioned Buddy Shumway, light-heavies, in six. Abner Bedindfield K.O.'ed Joe Becka, middleweights, in two.

Promoter Hank Rabun got the ball rolling at Ft. Worth with a nice program, featuring Jose Andreas' 10-round victory over Jackie Allen, both are bantams. Gordon House, sensational young Indian lightweight, stopped Mickey McCoy, in two. Jack Pierce, 179, knocked out Jordan Dick, 185, in six. Bobby Woods, 150, defeated Abner Bedindfield, 153, in four. Arthur O'Conner, 125, K.O.'ed Floyd Parrish, 125, in one.

Wild Bill McDowell, in the finest of condition, turned in the fight of his life, in soundly whipping Pat Saia in 10. Bill consistently beat Saia to the punch and put the New Orleans southpaw on the deck twice. In the co-feature, Clarence "Cotton" King, crowd-pleasing Florida welter, decisioned Filio Prado of Mexico, in ten. Hubert Gray K.O.'ed Otho Sligar, lightweights, in three. Sharkey O'Neal knocked out Melvin Walker, heavies, in one. Harry Lasane decisioned Darnell Carter, lightweights, in four.

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ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES
By CLYDE SMITH

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Buddy Scott of Dallas, Texas, knocked out Jackie Parker, Indianapolis, Ind., heavyweight, in the third round. Jose Andres, Ft. Worth, Texas, drew with Mickey Quack, Pittsburgh, (6). Bud Cottey, Indianapolis, T.K.O.'ed Rocky Protaine, Chicago, (2). Phil Brown, St. Louis, decisioned Mickey McCoy, Ft. Worth, (4). Howard Carr, Oklahoma City, decisioned Gene Posey, Oklahoma City, (4).

Bartlesville, Okla.—Ben Evans, Oklahoma City, knocked out Howard Carr, Oklahoma City, in the sixth round.

Oklahoma City—Jackie Lyons of Oklahoma City, won over Earl Peterson, Minneapolis, light-heavies, in six rounds. Dick Smith, Oklahoma City, won over Jess Wilson of Minneapolis, six-round decision. Phil Brown took a six-round decision over Eddie Weller. Jack Bruza and Claude Sullard fought to a four-round draw. Billy Strunk stopped Gene Posey in one.

The windup was a six-round featherweight affair between Jose Andres, Ft. Worth, and Rube Salazar, Wichita, Kan., with Andres getting the nod.

Little Rock, Ark.—Faye O'Dell, Clarksville, Ark., decisioned Jimmy Hatmaker in five rounds. K. O. Donoho decisioned Doyle Davis, (3). Arturo Cervin decisioned Billy Bush, (3). Herschel Bailey decisioned Birtie Bennett, (3). Chester Tollett decisioned Jack Gilbert, (3). Roscoe Wright knocked out David Stinnett, (1). Troy Gray knocked out Manuel Sanchez, (1). Paul Holderfield decisioned John Miles, (3).

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BOXING AND WRESTLING IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.
By WALT MARLOW

AFTER a lapse of a number of years professional boxing returned to Edmonton.

There are obviously better fighters between Winnipeg and Vancouver than those who appeared on the Charley Dean promoted card. Dean's experiment may prove costly, then again, perhaps he'll come back and give the fight fans of Edmonton their money's worth on future cards.

As a result of the "lemon" card of May 31, the Edmonton Boxing and Wrestling Commission has suspended Johnny Ames, Calgary preliminary boxer, who appeared in the main-event with Rocky Wagner under the name of Johnny Flannigan, Montreal. Flannigan (Ames) was knocked out in 37 seconds, after being billed on the card as a leading contender for the Canadian light-heavyweight championship.

The card as a whole, lasted 29 minutes, all the five bouts ending in knockouts. The only fight of the night was that dished up by Jack Berry, Edmonton, and Bill Denwood, Regina, in the semi-windup. Denwood was knocked out in the fifth round, the fight up until then was a crowd pleaser.

The preliminaries on the card saw Jack Scarto stop Slim O'Brien in 45 seconds of the second. The second attraction of the evening lasted 32 seconds, with Laddie Dawn, Calgary, coming out the winner over Wally Johnson of Vernon, B. C. In a substitute fight between Demers and McQueen, Demers was declared the winner in 2.22 of the second round.

Ray Colling, 149, Vancouver middleweight, won the Western Canada middleweight championship in Calgary, May 22, when he scored a tenth-round T.K.O. over Tommy Deschambeault, 146½. Deschambeault, who usually fights in the welterweight ranks, found the Vancouver boy a little too much to cope with, and up until the time of his knockout, had taken the greater portion of the punishment handed out.

The semi-windup on the Ernie Farr promoted card saw Rocky Wagner, promising Alberta light-heavyweight, stop "Shifty" McLellan of Vancouver at 1.20 of the second round. Wagner hits hard with both hands, and should do all right in the light-heavy picture. The bout was Wagner's first pro appearance.

Results of the preliminaries on the card saw Billy Starr, 160, draw with Ronny Leopold, 160, in a three-rounder. Johnny Ames, 155, knocked out Jimmy Squair, 164, in the third. Chief Mistaken, 134, drew with Cass Myer, 138. Laddie Dawn, 143, held Billy Green, 137, to a draw.

The Edmonton Inter-Cadet boxing tournament, held May 17 at the Navy Drill Hall, saw the Edmonton No. 12 Air Cadet Squadron boxing team win the Military Institute Trophy by piling up 14 points out of a possible 26.

An amateur boxing and wrestling association, organized in Edmonton during the latter part of May, will be the governing body for all wrestling and boxing clubs in that city, and will be affiliated with the AAU.

Unattached fighters in or around Edmonton contact Walt Marlow, 10361-98 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

IN VANCOUVER AND VICINITY
By JIM JOHNSTON

TWENTY-SIX HUNDRED Vancouver fans turned out to see Gene Ferris' initial promotion and were treated to a first-class ring show at the Forum on May 15.

In one of the wildest brawls seen here in many moons, Freddie Steele, the Vancouver southpaw, flattened rough and tough Paulie Cook in five.

Steele, seeking revenge after being halted by Cook two weeks ago, smashed his opponent to the canvas in the third. Cook wobbled to his feet and it seemed all Freddie had to do was blow him over but the Tacoma boy was made of sterner stuff and rocked Steele from stem to stern with a flurry of lefts and rights. Cook was still in there punching in the fourth but Steele kept right after the still groggy Tacoma battler and nailed Cook with a wicked left and down went the former Panama champ. He bounced up at nine and battered the surprised Steele all over the ring.

Steele went in for the kill in the fifth belting Cook to the canvas twice for counts of eight and nine before the referee intervened.

Jackie Turner badly battered Pee Wee Lewis of Santa Barbara, California, in winning a one-sided ten-rounder. Lewis came to Vancouver with a big rep, but in this bout showed nothing but an ability to take it.

Ron Whalley, former Vancouver scrapper now fighting out of Winnipeg, looked impressive in flattening Lou Bradford, Seattle Negro boy, in three stanzas. They are light-heavies.

Harry Smith, Vancouver lightweight belter, decisioned Morrie Stewart of Seattle in four. Mike Mahoney, Vancouver middle, made his professional debut a good one, flattening Harry Marshall, Bremerton, in the fourth.

Spokane—Joey Dolan, Spokane 126-pounder, just back from New York, scored a unanimous ten-round decision over Joe Robleto, 127, of Pasadena, Cal., in an outdoor bout which attracted 4000 fans.

Jackie Turner, Vancouver's bantam buzz-saw, is the new Northwest bantamweight king. Turner handed Joey Clemo of Portland, a lacing throughout their ten-round title bout at Tacoma. Turner, at 116, spotted Clemo 2½ pounds.

Gerry Ramsay, Vancouver featherweight, kayoed Chuck Jackson of Boston, in three heats.

Spokane—Paul Cook, 128, Tacoma, T.K.O.'ed Freddie Steele, Vancouver southpaw, 130, in three.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By IRVING RUDD

LOCAL boxing enjoyed the most successful indoor season in many years along the small club circuit. Sellout houses for almost every show staged was the rule, rather than the exception. Despite the scarcity of new talent because of the war, New York fans saw a few promising youngsters develop in the "cradles of boxing" and had the pleasure of seeing many of their prewar favorites return to action.

The Broadway Arena came through with many corking shows and also a potential welterweight threat in the person of Lou Valles, Rocky Graziano's protege. A new club, the Park Arena, bowed in and enjoyed a successful season. Located in the Bronx, the Arena, which was once a theatre, will continue to function throughout the summer months with air-conditioning.

The White Plains County Center, with Joe McKenna at the helm, was shut down after heavy snowfalls threatened to cave in the roof of the picturesque punch palace. The few shows staged were good enough to draw capacity houses. Two clubs folded. These were the Central Arena, once the Central Opera House, and the Golden Gate in Harlem. These spots might have reaped some of the fistic harvest, but no matter how much money is around, fans will not shell out the shekels just to pass an evening watching inept stumblebums.

The historic Ridgewood Grove with stogy-smoking Moe Fleischer making the matches, set a new record with 24 consecutive sellouts. Not even in the halcyon days of Canzoneri, Petrolle, Lesnevich, Sanstol, and the late Al Davis, did the Queens club lure 'em through the turnstiles as they did during the past season. A heavyweight newcomer from Norway, big, blond Harry Berntsen, was the outstanding attraction at the Grove.

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Seven clubs will vie for the patronage of local boxing addicts during the summer months. If the Weatherman cooperates, the outdoor season should prove equally as prosperous for the promoters as was the past indoor season.

Here is the line-up of summer spots as THE RING went to press: Monday, Queensboro Arena, Tuesday, Park (indoor air-conditioned) and three outdoor arenas, MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn, Dexter Park, and Croke Park, formerly known as Innisfail Park.

Ebbetts Field presented its first show on Wednesday, June 12, and the Johnston Brothers will probably present bouts of a high calibre at varied intervals at the Dodger ballpark. The Forum Arena, another indoor, air-conditioned spot, holds forth on Wednesdays.

Long Beach Stadium out on Long Island will run on Friday nights. The boom in boxing is sure to continue, not only around New York, but throughout the nation, because new faces which have not yet forged to the forefront will stimulate the sport and tilt gate receipts to a record high.

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Pathos in pugilism . . . The wizened little guy, Samuel Baldwin by name, stood before Recorder Thomas F. Norton of North Bergen, New Jersey. . . . He said he was 75 years of age . . . but with no visible means of support, the judge could do naught but sentence him to ninety days in Hudson County jail for vagrancy.

However, roll back the curtain fifty years, and the old gent who was found lying exhausted in a Jersey street where he had been seeking a job, would be sprightly, fast-stepping Sam Bolen, a corking scrapper from Oswego, New York. . . . They called Nat Fleischer for verification when he told the police he had boxed Jack Blackburn, George Dixon and Jack Burge. . . . Yes, Fleischer replied, he was a good boxer, often spotting his foes tremendous weight for purses of $20 and $25. . . . A daughter living in New York City was contacted and she will care for the old battler. . . . The National Sports Alliance will also aid.

Our own Eddie Borden escorted the beautiful screen star, Paulette Goddard, to the Lesnevich-Mills fight in London last month. . . . the lucky stiff. . . . Comedian Peter Lind Hayes' wiseguy impersonation of a punch-drunk fighter, is hardly funny. . . . How about a more authentic takeoff on the lushes and no-goods in your own theatrical racket, Peter?

Luther (Slugger) White, topnotch Negro lightweight, who was barred from boxing after it was discovered he was blind in one eye, is now a factory worker here in New York. . . . Add dead ringers. . . . Commission Physician William H. Walker and Winston Churchill. . . . Roland Horne, 22-year-old brother of Middleweight Contender Sonny, is preparing for a pro boxing career at Stillman's. . . . Small Montana, former flyweight champ, will return to his native Philippine Islands and be a farmer, he announced on a recent visit to New York.

Sugar Ray Robinson will challenge the winner of the Tony Zale-Rocky Graziano middleweight title tiff on July 25. . . . A Robinson-Rocky contest is a terrific natural which would easily break the record gate for small men Benny Leonard set in his bout with Lew Tendler. . . . Graziano and Robinson are probably the only two gladiators around who can draw a million dollars now that the Louis-Conn bout is history.

Ted Rogers, son of the Twentieth Century S. C. matchmaker, has been honorably discharged from the Army with the rank of captain. . . . Ted is now practising law in New York. . . . Arthur Susskind (Young Otto), whose retirement as a referee was announced in this column some time ago, has decided to give refereeing another whirl before retiring to the comfort of a judge's seat.

"Kiggie" Coplan, a New Jersey referee, is also a good baseball umpire at college and high school games. . . . Query. . . . Who started the current craze among local fans of screaming "Arriba, Arriba!" at Latin fighters? . . . The majority of fans don't even know what it means. . . . With the late flash results of the Mauriello-Woodcock tiff appearing in the July issue, the prelims were omitted. . . . Here are the results of the supporting bouts:

In the best fight of the night, aside from the main go, Jimmy Evans, 177, Brooklyn, survived two knockdowns and plenty of thundering rights to the chin to come back bravely and defeat Johnny Aichers, 187¼, Cliffside Park, N. J., in a six-spot.

Jackie Cranford, 184, Washington, D. C., continued to show promise when he polished off Ernie Rios, 181, Los Angeles, in the fourth frame. Another listed six saw Cleo Everett, 194¼, Detroit, battle to a draw with Johnny Kapovich, 191½, Baltimore. Sam Schipani, 137¾, Pittsburgh, knocked out Lou Daniels, 134¼, New York, in four heats. Ted Walters, 199½, New York, flattened Ben Pickett, 176½, San Francisco, in one round, and Tony DeRosa, 148¼, New York, defeated Tony Cerruto, 148¼, Bantam, Connecticut, in a four-round go.

Genial Bill Daly, the fight pilot, once managed Comedian Lou Costello when the pudgy funster was a boxer. . . . Exclusive to THE RING. . . . Holman Williams, clever Detroit middleweight, will retire from boxing at the end of 1946. . . . Williams, a crack contender, who has ranked among the first five challengers for several years, will be rounding out his fifteenth year of professional boxing. . . . Holman already owns a tailor shop in his native Detroit and plans to invest in real estate when he hangs 'em up, he told this scribe at Joe Louis' Pompton Lakes training camp.

Smooth-boxing Willie Pep, 126, Hartford, Conn., definitely dispelled any doubts as to who was the undisputed featherweight champion of the world when he crossed a short jolting left and right to the chin of N.B.A. claimant, Sal Bartolo, 125¼, Boston, Mass., at 2:41 of the twelfth canto of an intended 15-rounder, to stiffen the latter at Madison Square Garden.

Thus, for the first time in more than six years, when the N.B.A. proclaimed Petey Scalzo as world's champion, the featherweight muddle was finally cleared. Pep had defeated Bartolo twice in previous encounters.

Pep took command of the contest from the first round on. He landed the first telling blow, a sharp right to the chin, and also outboxed Bartolo. Bartolo took only the third and fifth frames of the fray. In the third, Sal scored with a few good punches and roughed Pep at close quarters. The fifth found the Bostonian landing the better blows and he forced Willie to hold several times.

The fight was not exactly a pleasing one to watch, and the fans began to boo and stamp their feet in disapproval of the cautious, scientific sockfest being waged. Unruffled, Pep kept boxing carefully at an even pace, letting fly with hard wallops at sporadic intervals to cop the seventh and eighth rounds. The will-o'-the-wisp from the Nutmeg State really opened up in the ninth, landing left hooks and snappy rights to Bartolo's face. Sal was bleeding from the nose and cut inside the mouth.

In the tenth and eleventh stanzas, Pep subjected Bartolo to a neat pasting and had Sal backing away. He snapped Sal's head back several times. Sensing that his man was ready to be taken, Pep began the fatal twelfth by stabbing Bartolo at will with hard jabs. Suddenly, at close range, Willie whipped over a short left and another short right to Bartolo's chin which knocked the Bay Stater flat on his back in the center of the ring. Referee Ruby Goldstein counted him out after he reached a half-sitting position at "eight."

The jubilant Pep, whom THE RING always recognized as world's titleholder, rushed toward Editor Nat Fleischer seated in the working press and gave him the soggy mittens for THE RING museum. In the dressing room it was learned that Bartolo had suffered a broken jaw in the ninth round, and Commission Physician Dr. Nardiello declared that the Boston Italian's fighting days were over.

The four prelim bouts were of good calibre. Tomas Aquinto Beato, 124½, from the Dominican Republic, stole the show in a savage six, which he

won from Joey Iannotti, 128½, Bridgeport, Conn. Felled by a right in the second round, Beato lashed back gamely at Iannotti to floor the latter, and almost finished his man before the bout was over.

Louis Cassiano, 129, New York, staved off a late rally on the part of Nick Stato, 130½, Springfield, Mass., to cop a sixer, and Sal Richie, 148, New York, stopped the willing Mickey Savage, 143, Detroit, at the end of the fourth heat of another listed six-spot.

Tommy Mara, 152½, White Plains, decisioned Henry Caballero, 147¾, Puerto Rico, in the four-round curtain raiser.

Jersey Joe Walcott, 191½, New Jersey Negro veteran, advanced one step closer to emulating Jimmy Braddock's comeback feat, when he handily chased and trounced sadly conditioned Lee Oma, 192¾, Detroit clown, in the star bout of ten rounds at Madison Square Garden.

Walcott carried the fight to the lackadaisical Oma from the outset, smashing away with hard rights to the kidneys. A looping right bowled Lee over on his face for a count of three, but the cautious Negro failed to tear in and finish his foe.

The fight resolved itself into a boring chase for the next nine rounds with Oma content to baffle Walcott with his clowning, back-pedaling tactics. Jersey Joe smashed home some good blows from time to time, but couldn't continue his attack as the fast-moving Detroiter kept skipping away.

On our scorecard, and those of Referee Johnny Burns and Judge Harold Barnes, Oma won but one round, the eighth, and he would have lost this one too if Walcott had not struck Lee low twice. The other judge, Jack O'Sullivan, was a bit more generous, scoring it seven rounds for Walcott and three for Oma.

A crowd of 11,760 contributed to a gross gate of $82,702 to see Oma, a good battler when in condition, blow his chances for a shot at the Louis-Conn winner in the fall.

Another track meet of the squared circle took place in the six-round semi-windup as Onelio Agramonte, 179, Cuban kayo artist, disgustedly pursued Henry Taylor, 185¼, Philadelphia, to take the duke.

In a hard-fought six staged after the main go, Stanley Goicz, 181, Yonkers, N. Y., outpunched Ted Walters, 199, New York. Peter Mead, 155¾, Grand Rapids, Mich., severely shellacked Tommy Merrill, 161¾, Camden, N. J., in another six-spot. Prentiss Hall, 166, Buffalo, whipped Charley Hayes, 162, Detroit, in six heats and Bernie Reynolds, 175, Fairfield, Conn., spotted Hugh Walker, Sheperdstown, Va., 29¼ pounds, and gave the latter a terrible drubbing until the referee stopped it at 2:49 of round four.

Steve Belloise, stiff-socking spidery Bronxite, returned to a Madison Square Garden ring after a four-year hitch in the Navy to sink Coley Welch of Maine in 2:16 of the second round of a slated ten-round bout.

Belloise took the first round by a wide margin as he rocked Welch with several sharp clouts to the kisser. Coley appeared to be going down more than once as Steve speared him with stinging lefts and rights. In the second frame, Welch moved in close, attempting to nullify the effect of Belloise's winging fists. A couple of stiff pokes sent Welch to the deck, face down. The New Englander, attempting to rise at the count of four, floundered on the canvas badly hurt like a fish out of water. Welch tried to make it again, but skidded at least six feet on his nose. He finally arose at eight a badly hurt warrior.

Belloise coolly stepped in, let fly with another flurry, and Coley was dropped for seven. Steve slammed the Irishman into his own corner and was beginning to tee off, when Referee Mark Conn stepped in and halted the one-sided fray. This scribe among others felt that Conn acted just a wee bit hastily, but the general consensus was that this couldn't have altered the eventual outcome of the tilt. Steve scaled 159½, Welch weighed 160¾.

A good card of prelims saw Buddy Garcia, 138, Galveston, Texas, catch up with the smooth boxing Sammy Schipani, 137, Pittsburgh, to stop his man in 1:37 of round four of the six-round semi-windup. Howie Brodt, 148, Utica, N. Y., battered Wendy Wilson, 146½, Trinidad, B.W.I., until Referee Al Berle halted it at 1:08 of the third stanza. This too was a listed six.

J. C. Wilkens, 165½, Bronx, defeated Carman DeJohn, 166, Syracuse, N. Y., in a good six and Vic Amato, 160½, Brooklyn, administered a six-round drubbing to Cliff Beckett, 157, Canada. Donald Murray, 138, Bronx, outpointed Billy Ryan, 140½, New Orleans, in a spirited four-round curtain raiser.

Pacing himself properly and winging punches incessantly from all angles, Sidney (Beau Jack) Walker, former Georgia shoeshine boy, squelched all speculation as to whether he was washed up or not when he hammered out a convincing ten-round victory over the Canadian, Johnny Greco, in Madison Square Garden before a comparatively sparse crowd of 11,407.

As in their first fight, which ended in a draw, the battle got off to a fast and furious start. Greco tore right into Jack and pummeled the Negro for fully fifteen seconds without a return. Beau warmed up to his task, and the rest of the first round resolved itself into a slugging bee with

Little Sam Bolen, a great fighter around 1890, now 73 years old, as he showed his fighting stance to courtroom reporters.

first Jack and then Johnny getting the edge in stiff punching.

The boys battled head to head through the second and third stanzas with Jack landing the cleaner punches. Beau caught Johnny with plenty of looping bolo wallops. Greco came back in the fourth frame and pitched hammer-like blows to Beau's body. Greco was the aggressor in this and the next round.

In the sixth heat, Jack landed the best punch of the fight, a rattling left hook that shook Greco. Beau also stunned Greco several times. Greco came back in the seventh and punished Jack about the body and head. The eighth, ninth and tenth rounds saw Beau Jack pull ahead decisively as he carried the fight to the Montreal Italian all the way.

Referee Eddie Joseph and Judge George LeCron scored it eight to two for Jack, while Judge Frank Forbes made it unanimous with a seven to three tally. At 141½, Jack spotted Greco four and one-half pounds.

A good fight followed the star bout and Billy Gordon, 169, Harlem, upset Andy "Buster" Peppe, 173¼, when he stiffened the Greenwich Villager in 1:39 of the second round of a slated six. The promising DeWitt Dean, 151½, Detroit, won in six from Roddy McDonald, 155, Canada, and Al Victoria, 141, Virgin Islands, vanquished Frankie Gromada, 139¾, East Side, in a spirited go over the same route.

Nick Stato, 131, Springfield, Mass., a star-bout fighter in New England, deserved much better than a draw verdict rendered in his sixer with Joe Carkido, 137, Youngstown, O. Another unpopular duke was registered when John LaRusso, 130, West Side, was proclaimed the winner over James Carter, 130½, East Side, in the opening four.

Finishing fast and strong in the final frame, Tony Pellone, 143½, Greenwich Village youngster, eked out a narrow, unpopular, split ten-round decision over Patsy Brandino, 139¼, Hamilton, Ontario, newcomer, in the opening show of the season at the Queensboro Arena.

A near-capacity crowd saw Brandino, making his New York debut, "bull" and rough Pellone through most of the bout. Tony was the sharper and cleaner puncher, and a furious last-round spurt saw him pull ahead after Patsy had lumped his left eye in the preceding heat.

Referee Jack Appel had Brandino in front by a margin of five, three, and two even, while Judge Potter scored it exactly the opposite for Pellone. The deciding tally for Tony was cast by the other judge, Sammy Rosenblatt.

In a six-round semi-windup which followed the main event, Tony DeSalvo, 138¾, Corona, L. I., won a decision over Harry Diduck, 135¾, Brooklyn.

Vince Giganti, 172, New York, subjected Johnny Harvey, 165, Port Chester, N. Y., to a good six-round lathering, while Frankie Cardinal, 150, West Side, won his six in handy fashion from Gerard DeLia, 151½, Staten Island.

Arthur Mott, 153½, Atlanta, Ga., decisioned Lew Perez, 158¾, Puerto Rico, in a four-spot, and Tony LaBua, 135, Ozone Park, L. I., scored the only knockout of the evening when he halted Johnny Morino, 130, Brooklyn, in 2:24 of the second round.

Chester Rico, 141, Bronx lightweight contender, chalked up another win by outboxing Vic Moreno, 139¼, of Venezuela, in the featured eight-round bout at the Park Arena. Although cut over his left eye, and hampered by the flow of blood from the third round on, Chester continued to beat Moreno to the punch all the way.

Bernie Reynolds, 175, Fairfield, Conn., youngster, added another victim to his fast-growing list of knockout triumphs, when he starched Billy Beauford, 175½, Newark, N. J., in 1:32 of the second round.

Johnny Gebert, 131¾, Freeport, L. I., won over Joey Krikis, 134, Bronx, in a six-round mill, while Jimmy Carter, 131, East Side, triumphed over Leo LeBron, 124, Bronx, over the same distance.

In other tilts, Ed Richardson, 165, Paterson, N. J., stowed John Shaughnessy, 169, Brooklyn, away in 2:46 of the opening chapter, and Jimmy Hooper, 172¼, Brooklyn, stopped Mike Verrengio, 171, Brooklyn, in 2:37 of the second session.

Johnny White, 206, Jersey City, N. J., Negro veteran, scored the season's biggest upset at the Ridgewood Grove when he handed Harry Berntsen, 202, Norway, his first defeat in thirteen starts in taking an eight-round decision before a sellout crowd of 4200.

White, a 5 to 1 underdog who didn't figure to go the route, kept circling throughout the entire eight heats, fell in close, and cuffed Berntsen smartly. Crouching, he made the big blond youngster miss at least fifty murderous right-hand wallops that had stiffened all but one of the Norseman's previous victims. The decision of Referee Teddy Martin and Judges Nick Gamboli and Tom Guilfoyle was unanimous.

Bernie Reynolds, 176, Fairfield, Conn., a good-looking prospect, knocked out Tommy Gargiso, 195, Brooklyn, in 1:41 of the fourth round of a scheduled six-round semi-windup.

Gabby Ferland, 138, Montreal, outpointed Paddy DeMarco, 137, Brooklyn. Wayland Douglas, Brooklyn, 148½, defeated George B. Smith, 150, Harlem, and Rocco Rossano, 147½, Brooklyn, stopped Gerald DeLia, 149, Staten Island, in 42 seconds of the third round in other six-round tilts.

In the four-round opener, Abie Hopes, 166, Brooklyn, belted out Eddie Richardson, 170, Paterson, N. J., in 1:22 of round one.

Tragedy hovered over the ring at the St. Nicholas Arena shortly after Billy Graham, 136, East Side, had crossed a sharp right to the chin of Frankie Carto, 132½, Philadelphia, to knock the little Italian flat on his face at 58 seconds of the ninth round. When more than five minutes had elapsed after Referee Jim Crowley had counted Carto out, and the Quaker City lad had not stirred, the crowd of 3110 grew tense.

Frankie was finally removed from the ring on a stretcher, and Dr. William H. Walker announced that he was suffering from a slight concussion.

Until the sudden ending, the smooth boxing Graham had won all but one of the rounds, although Carto never stopped trying. Billy speared his shorter foe with stiff lefts and towards the end of the seventh round opened up with a two-fisted attack that had Frankie reeling. Graham won the eighth, and in the ninth uncorked a sharp right to the chin that spun Carto completely around and he slumped flat on his face. Frankie's head

did not strike the canvas, but he was seriously incapacitated by the force of the punch itself.

In dreary six-round prelims Bobby Garcia, 144, Baltimore, outpointed Juan Lausell, 149, Puerto Rico. Vince Lauria, 118, Camden, N. J., defeated Tommy Beato, 125, Santo Domingo. Al Franklin, 146, Brooklyn, won over Joe Gillis, 139, Springfield, Mass., who was disqualified for continuous holding, at 2:37 of round three. Lou Daniels, 137, New York, beat Al Mazerol, 138, Limestone, Me.

Morris Belkin, 128½, East Side youngster, kayoed Clifton Bordies, 131, Bay Shore, L. I., in 1:46 of the second heat of the curtain raiser.

Morris Reif, 147, Brooklyn, returned to action after a four-month layoff and knocked out Maxie Starr, 143½, Baltimore, with his vaunted left hook which landed on Starr's jaw at 1:54 of the second round of the slated eight-round feature.

Despite a heavy rainstorm a capacity crowd saw Maxie outbox Reif in the first round, peppering the Brooklyn slugger about the head. Midway in the second session Reif forced Starr into a corner, staggered him with a left to the head, and finished his man off with another left.

In six-round bouts Vic Amato, 161¾, Brooklyn, defeated Billy Johnson, 166, Wilmington, N. C. Karo Smith, 163, Harlem, won over Solly Zalter, 166, Montreal. Bobby Lee, 142, Baltimore, drew with John L. Thomas, 138, Brooklyn.

Leroy Greenwood, 142, Long Branch, N. J., won via a knockout from Samuel King, 143, Harlem, when the latter was unable to answer the bell for the second round of a listed four. Phil Thomas, 128, Bronx, beat Johnny O'Keefe, 131, Lowell, Mass., in the opening four-round contest.

Irving Palefsky, young Bronxite, latest of the left-hook kayo artists, scored his most impressive victory to date when he knocked out his neighborhood rival, Vic Costa, in 1:31 of the second stanza of the eight-round star bout at the Park Arena.

The first round was an even session as both boys traded pokes freely. In the next round, Palefsky nailed his more experienced foe with a left hook that dumped Costa for a seven-count. Another solid left hook deposited Vic on the resin for keeps. Both boys weighed 147 pounds.

Al Highers, 139, Oneida, N. Y., stopped Gabby Ferland, 137, Montreal, in 2:16 of round three. Willis Parker, 178, Yonkers, halted Collis Williams, 173, Mexico City; the latter unable to come out for the fourth round because of an injured nose. Wilbert Hearold, 158¼, Houston, Texas, defeated Don Anderson, 160, Bronx, in a six-round bout.

Joe Krikis, 133¾, Bronx, decisioned Dom Zito, 132¼, Bronx, and Billy Gibbons, 130, Paterson, N. J., beat Maurice Auger, 126, Montreal, in the four-round frays.

Classy Tony Janiro, 148, Youngstown, O., contender, continued his winning ways around the small club circuit as he handily defeated the veteran Bobby Cummings, 145, Brooklyn, in the main eight-round feature at the Jamaica Arena. The verdict of Referee Arthur Berger and Judges Joe Vaccarella and Jim Hagan was unanimous.

Joey Varoff, 139¼, East Side protege of Ray Arcel, hammered out a one-sided win over Eskar Mosely, 147, New York, in the eight-round semi-windup. Varoff extended his winning streak to six straight since his discharge from the Coast Guard.

Three of the four-round prelims ended in knockouts as Abie Hopes, 166, New York, stopped Rocco Wallo, 170, Jamaica, L. I., in 2:50 of the third round. Mickey Zangara, 146¾, New York, quickly polished off Everett Chapman, 141¼, Bronx, in 1:50 of the opening frame, and Dave Glanton, 185, Harlem, halted Tony Gregg, 187, Schenectady, N. Y., in 2:18 of the fourth stanza.

Jackie Souza, 161, Toronto, nosed out Mickey Hasinsky, 157, Long Beach, L. I., in a close four-spot that opened the show.

Johnny Dell, 134½, Brooklyn, won a close, unanimous decision over tough Juan Carrero, 137½, Puerto Rico, to cop the eight-round feature at the Ridgewood Grove. Dell had to hustle all the way as Carrero recovered from a rough first round to crowd Johnny, and landed frequently with good body and head blows.

In the six-round semi-final Steve Sabatino, 157, Brooklyn, and Al Barbosa, 153, Boston, Mass., battled to a draw. Tommy Mara, 154, White Plains, stopped Joe Rellich, 149½, East Side, at 2:03 of round one of a slated six, while Paul Midiri, 130½, Corona, L. I., landed on Johnny Land, 133½, Newark, N. J., with a right to the body to halt the latter at 1:31 of the opening canto of another scheduled six.

Bill Grombacher, 164, Youngstown, O., outpunched Eddie Richardson, 164½, Paterson, N. J., in a wild slugging bee and finally flattened the Jerseyite with but two seconds remaining of the opening stanza. The curtain raiser went to John Mazanoble, 147½, Schenectady, N. Y., as he outpointed Sam Howell, 148, Newark, N. J.

Julie Bort, 136, Brooklyn, a one-time polio victim, continued to show tremendous improvement as he knocked out Pat Foley, 130½, Worcester, Mass., in 2:41 of the third round of a listed eight-round main go at the Park Arena in the Bronx.

Bort, a fine prospect some two years back, who hit the skids after numerous mismatches, now boasts nine straight victories. He finished Foley with a left to the body and a right to the jaw.

Bobby Garcia, 141¾, Baltimore, son of the once great Mexican Wildcat, stopped Leroy Greenwood, 141, Long Branch, N. J., when the latter failed to answer the bell for the second round.

Willie Legree, 126¾, Harlem, won over Pat Kitt, 130¼, West Side, and Tommy Beato, 127, Santo Domingo, whipped Leo LeBron, 121½, Bronx, in a pair of six-spots.

In four-round frays, Mickey Zangara, 147½, New York, defeated Artie Davis, 144½, Bronx, and Bernie Harper, 154, Bronx, beat Mickey Hasinsky, 156, Long Beach, L. I.

Al Seidman, 153½, Scranton, Pa., and his stablemate, Leo Milito, 130, East Side, shared top honors in co-featured eight-rounders at the Broadway Arena with Seidman scoring a close split decision over Ernie (Cat) Robinson, 150¼, Jamaica, L. I., and Milito winning from Ossie Rodriquez, 129¼, Puerto Rico.

Seidman encountered stubborn opposition from the Negro veteran, Robinson, and gained the duke by dint of a strong finish in the closing rounds. Milito, undefeated, ran his string of wins up to twenty-two straight as he outspeeded and outpunched Ossie.

In preliminary tussles Jimmy Warren, 133, Brooklyn, defeated Harry Diduck, 135½, Brooklyn, over the six-round route. Three scheduled fours ended in knockouts. Morris Belkin, 127, promising East Side youngster, flattened Larry Spencer, 122, Bronx, in 1:13 of the second stanza. Frank Smith, 157½, Brooklyn, disposed of Ed Richardson, 162½, Paterson, N. J., in 57 seconds of the opening heat. Charles Donovan, 138½, East Side, stopped Sam King, 139, Harlem, in 2:40 of the third round.

Indian Gomez, 161, Puerto Rico, won a split eight-round decision over Jerry Fiorello, 159, Brooklyn, in the closing show of the season at the Jamaica Arena before a sparse gathering of 1401 fans.

Gomez floored Fiorello with a left in the opening canto, but Jerry retaliated by dumping Gomez in the final frame. The rough Red Hook Italian almost precipitated a riot as he clipped Gomez before the Puerto Rican had a chance to get off the canvas. Referee Young Otto and Judge Charley Devlin cast their ballots for Gomez, while Judge John Potter favored Fiorello.

In a scheduled eight-round semi-final Herbie Kronowitz, 157, East Side, belted out Baudelio Valencia, 161, Puerto Rico, in 2:15 of the third.

Silvio Zangrillo, 152, Brooklyn, a prewar ring favorite, returned to action after a long layoff to stop Juan Lausello, 146, Puerto Rico, in 2:15 of the third of a slated six. Johnny Harvey, 165½, Port Chester, N. Y., decisioned Johnny King, 156¾, Harlem, in a dull six.

Don Scanlon, 129, Ozone Park, L. I., outpointed Morris Auger, 126, Montreal, in the opening four.

Cleo Shans, 137, Los Angeles, Cal., Negro lightweight, was too rough and tough for Maurice (Lefty) LaChance, 133, Lisbon, Me., as he mauled and bulled his way to a unanimous ten-round decision at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

A record of 5600 fans who set an all-time high for gate receipts by paying a total of $8450, saw LaChance battle Shans on even terms for the first five rounds, then wilt as Cleo clouted the New Englander freely at the finish. Jed Gahan was the referee.

Patsy Zoccano, 143, Montreal, gained a six-round semi-windup decision over Johnny Phillips, 140, Brooklyn. In other sixes, Caesar Ferro, 153½, Brooklyn, defeated Nick Melli, 153, also of Brooklyn, and Vinnie DeMarco, 137, outpointed Lou Daniels, 136, Bronx.

Benny Munez, 148, New York, scored the only kayo on the card as he stiffened Jimmy McGrath, 146, Brooklyn, in 2:15 of the second session of a slated four. The opener went to Dom Zito, 133, Bronx, who outpointed a weak hitting Joe DiMaggio, 135, New York, in four heats.

Joe Governale, 159, Brooklyn, slammed out a six-round kayo over Irish Johnny Smith, 160, Boston, in the scheduled eight-round feature to ring down the curtain for the 1945-46 indoor season at the Ridgewood Grove.

Governale battered and outclassed Smith for the first five rounds and the veteran was unable to answer the bell for the sixth canto.

Six-round settos saw Solly Zalter, 165, Montreal, outbox Lew Perez, 159, Puerto Rico, Steve Sabatino, 155, New York, defeated Benny Davis, 160, Port Chester, N. Y. Tony DeSalco, 139, Corona, L. I., drew with Joe Gutierrez, 136, Mexico.

In four-spots Sid Cohen, 234, New York, knocked out Johnny Willard, 200, Brooklyn, in the second session, and Eddie Richardson, 162, Paterson, N. J., stiffened Jackie Souza, 162, Toronto, in the first round.

The Ridgewood Grove enjoyed one of its most successful seasons under the matchmaking aegis of Moe Fleischer, former trainer of Kid Chocolate, who racked up a string of 24 consecutive sellout houses.

Jimmy Warren, a 22-year-old former Seabee, fighting his eighth pro fight, scored sensationally over the veteran Ruby Garcia of Puerto Rico, as he romped off with an eight-round decision in the final show of the season at the Broadway Arena.

Rushed into the breach when a scheduled main go between Al Seidman and Henry Jordan was called off, Warren, the son of an old-time boxer, making his first star bout start, easily defeated Garcia. Jimmy made the Puerto Rican miss, then countered with stiff pokes. Warren weighed 134, spotting Garcia six and and one-half pounds.

Herbie Kronowitz, 158½, Coney Island, won his second fight since being discharged from the Coast Guard when he outclassed Harry Daniels, 164, Cleveland, in another eight-round fray. Kronowitz floored Daniels in the first, fourth and final frames.

Four other contests ended in knockouts. Sam McPherson, 218, New York, stopped Lorne McCarthy, 181, Bangor, Me., in 1:22 of the third canto. Morris Belkin, 129¼, East Side, finished Johnny O'Keefe, 130¾, Lowell, Mass., in 1:22 of round three. Joe Brocato, 135, New York, halted Raul Roque, 130¾, Puerto Rico, in 1:39 of the opening stanza, and Bob Munez, 152¾, West Side, knocked out Ernest Kaminsky, 151¾, East Side, in 51 seconds of the third round.

The Forum Arena, an air-conditioned neighborhood indoor club in the Bronx, opened its doors with Billy Brown at the matchmaking helm and Tony Janiro, Youngstown welterweight ace, repeated an easy eight-round decision victory over the venerable Ernest "Cat" Robinson of Jamaica, L. I., in the star bout.

Janiro had things pretty much his own way and dumped Robinson for a nine-count with a right to the button in the fourth frame. Tony tipped the Toledos at 148, four pounds lighter than his foe.

In supporting six-rounders, Billy Pinti, 129, Rome, N. Y., kayoed Bernie Bernard, 131, Brooklyn, in 1:49 of round three. Jackie Savino, 136, Jamaica, L. I., 136, stopped Artie Davies, 131, Boston, in 1:28 of the third canto, and Al Mazerol, 139, Limestone, Me., fought a draw with Harry Diduck, 135, Brooklyn.

Mickey Zangara, 148, New York, beat Billy Nelson, 145, Harlem, and Hal. Robbins, 136, Vancouver, B. C., whipped Samuel King, 140, East Side, in the four-round contests.

Norman Rubio, 146, Albany buzz-saw, gained a split ten-round verdict over Vinnie Rossano, 148, Brooklyn, in the star bout at the Fort Hamilton Arena before a Memorial Day crowd of 4500.

Rossano was dropped for a no-count and suffered a cut over his right eye. Rubio was cut over both eyes in the ninth round. Referee Ted Martin and Judge Mike Parisi scored the battle six rounds for the Upstater and four for Vinnie, while Jack Goodman, the other judge, saw Rossano in front by six to four.

Angelo Vilano, 157, Brooklyn, dropped Caesar Ferro, 153, Brooklyn, for a nine-count in the fourth round and then went on to cop the nod in the six-round semi-windup.

Tommy Mara, 152, White Plains, stopped Nate Smith, 153, Bronx, in 1:21 of the first, and Ray Del Gado, 128, Cuba, beat Joe DiSoso, 126, New Orleans, in two other six-round tilts.

Tony Bertucci, 153, Brooklyn, won a four-round decision over Johnny Hines, 155, West Side, and in the opener, Tommy Lynch, 138, Wilmington, Del., stopped Tommy Halston, 136, Harlem, the latter failing to come up for the second session.

Irving Palefsky, fast-rising Bronx left-hook kayo artist, scored another knockout at the Park Arena when he stopped Ralph Walton, 144½, Montreal, in 44 seconds of the second round before a capacity crowd.

Palefsky floored the Canadian with a smashing portside poke to the body. When Ralph arose at nine in a dazed condition, Referee Young Otto stepped in and stopped the bout. Palefsky weighed 147, Walton 144½.

Johnny Smith, 162½, Boston, outpointed Baudelio Valencia, 160¼, Mexico, to take the six-round semi-windup. In two other six-spots, Abie Hopes, 166¼, Brooklyn, defeated Ed Hayward, 164¼, Reading, Pa., and John L. Thomas, 138¼, Brooklyn, knocked out Hal Robbins, 138½, Vancouver, B. C., in 2:23 of the first.

Joey Freeda, 145¾, Maspeth, L. I., beat Henry Caballero, 147½, Peurto Rico, and Mickey Zangara, 148, New York, halted Art Davies, 142, Bronx, in 2:33 of the third in a pair of scheduled four-round contests.

Rain played havoc with some of the scheduled openings at the outdoor clubs. Dexter Park was unable to operate until the following week, while Croke Park and MacArthur Stadium got going the next night.

A good crowd turned out at Brooklyn's MacArthur Stadium for the initial offering, but had to run for cover from the rain after two bouts were completed. In four-round frays, Al Mazerol, 138½, Limestone, Me., knocked out Sammy King, 138, New York, in the final frame, and Tony Bertucci, 154¼, Brooklyn, whipped Joe Rellich, 149¾, New York.

The second part of the show presented 24 hours later, saw busy Izzy Jannazzo, thirteen-year veteran of the ring, who once fought Barney Ross for the welterweight title, cop a split ten-round decision over rugged Joe Governale of Bensonhurst in an interesting scrap.

Jannazzo, who scaled 155, three and one-half pounds lighter than Governale, used his flicking

left and years of craftiness to beat his younger and stronger adversary. Both battlers scored heavily with stiff socks. Izzy put a shanty on Joe's left eye in the fourth and Governale retaliated in the tenth canto by drawing claret from Jannazzo's nose.

Leo LeBron, 123, Bronx, won an unpopular six-round verdict over Billy Pinti, 128½, Rome, N. Y., and Ernie Butler, 152, Brooklyn, stopped Caesar Ferro, 156, Brooklyn, in 2:10 of the third round of another intended six.

Ralph LaSalle, 118½, Bronx, beat Clem Rodriques, 124, Puerto Rico, and Jimmy Hooper, 180, Brooklyn, won from Jimmy Letty, 180, Ridgewood, in a pair of four-round bouts.

Croke Park, newest of the outdoor clubs, trotted out Eddie Murphy, 139¼, Bronx, and Freddie Yeager, 135, Port Chester, N. Y., on the initial program, and the stringbean Irish lightweight was forced to step eight lively rounds to take the duke from Freddie in a spirited go. Murphy, who has lost but one of twenty-three starts, scored a kayo over Yeager in a bristling brawl last winter.

Stanley Goicz, 183¼, Yonkers, outpointed Willie Brown, 190, Harlem, in the six-round semi-final bout.

Johnny LaRusso, 129½, Bronx, had Carol Callicor, 129½, Quebec, in bad shape at 2:41 of the second of a listed six and the referee called a halt. In another six Billy Strauss, 139¼, Paterson, N. J., outscored Donald Murray, 136, New Rochelle, N. Y.

In fours, Jimmy Jackson, 150, Bronx, outpunched Odell Halliday, 145, New York, and Donald Scanlon, 126, Ozone Park, L. I., outspeeded Jimmy Lewis, 122, Brooklyn.

Ernie Copeland, 149½, Bronx, who boxed considerably in the CBI theatre while in the service, upset Bobby Berger, 155¾, Chicago, in the featured eight-rounder at the air-conditioned Forum Arena.

In two other eights, which also went the distance, Clarence Wilkinson, 165¼, Harlem, whipped Solly Zalter, 166, Montreal, and Baby Yucatan, 147¾, Mexico City, beat Mike Bulick, 144, Brooklyn.

Joey Krikis, 133, Bronx, decisioned Grady Wilson, 136, Bronx, in a six-round bout, and Paul Tine, 150, East Side, won from Al Mendez, 148½, Harlem, in the opening four-round bout.

Charley "Cabey" Lewis of the fighting Lewis clan, hailing from Havana, Cuba, and Brooklyn, stopped Lefty LaChance, Lewiston, Me., in 2:54 of the fourth round in the star bout at the Fort Hamilton Arena. Referee George Walsh stopped the contest when the southpaw, a substitute for Freddie Russo, was reeling helplessly after being dropped for a nine-count.

A crowd of 400 saw Lewis drop LaChance in the first round, and three times in the fourth and final frame.

Al Highers, ex-Marine scrapper, and Walter Lewis, fighting frère of Charley, tangled in a torrid six following the main event, and Highers romped off with a close duke.

In other settos, Lew Perez whipped Billy Herrold in a six-round bout, Vince Gambill knocked out Al Michaud in 2:01 of round one of another slated six, and Willie Murphy gained a four-round decision over Phil Burton. Bob Munez quickly hammered out Jimmy Gagnon in 1:52 of the opening inning of the first four-round fight.

Ruby Kessler, 137¾, Coney Island youngster, boxed his way to a unanimous ten-round decision over the switch-hitting Mexican, Humberto Zavala, 137¾, before a capacity crowd at the Queensboro Arena.

The 5,500 fans who paid a gross gate of $8,900 booed the decision of Judges Jack Goodman and Jimmy Gearns who were away out of line with a verdict of 8 to 2 and 7 to 3 for Kessler. Referee Jed Gahan gave Ruby six rounds and Zavala four.

The rest of the card ended in kayoes, but the bouts were packed with thrills despite their brevity. Tommy Houston, 151¼, Glendale, L. I., Irishman, unleashed a savage body attack at Jackie Connors, 152½, Orange, N. J., then crossed a right to the chin at 1:49 of the second round to stiffen the latter.

Thomas Miller, 135, Brooklyn, a kid brother of the middleweight, Coolidge, scored an upset when he knocked out handsome Jackie Connelly, 135, Long Island City, in 49 seconds of the second round. Al Highers, 139, Oneida, N. Y., hauled off with a right-hand smash to the chin of Tony Davilo, 141, Mexico City, and chilled his man in the quick time of 29 seconds of the opening stanza. These were all scheduled sixes.

In the slated fours, Ed Richardson, 164½, Paterson, N. J., stopped Bill Grombacher, 163¾, Youngstown, O., in 44 seconds of round one, and Artie Mott, 148, Atlanta, Ga., halted Jerry Wright, 153, Harlem, in 1:18 of the second round.

With three other clubs rained out for consecutive Tuesdays, the Park Arena, Bronx indoor club, had the field to itself as Julie Bort, 137, Brooklyn, chalked up his tenth successive win of a sensational streak when he defeated Georgie Cooper, 128¼, Bronx, in the main eight-round bout.

Cooper took the first three rounds, but Bort rallied to garner the next five frames and a unanimous decision.

In the semi-final six-rounder, Joey Krikis, 134¼, Bronx, punched out a decision win over Johnny Gebert, 132½, Freeport, L. I.

Other bouts saw Frankie Palermo, 136, Bronx, beat Jasper O'Hanley, 130½, Montreal. Bill Herman, 157½, Houston, Texas, knocked out Frankie Smith, 154½, Brooklyn, in 2:59 of the first, and Hall Guss, 182, St. Louis, stopped Chandois Roberts, 207¾, Port Chester, N. Y., in 2:13 of round one.

Johnny Phelan, 174½, Long Island City, stopped Artie Donato, 191, Red Bank, N. J., in 58 seconds of the second.

Promoter Bill Johnston, carrying on for his late brother, the fabulous Jimmy, launched big-time boxing at Ebbetts Field after a lapse of almost six years, and an estimated crowd of 8,000 saw vicious-punching Ike Williams, 138½, Trenton, N. J., hand Bobby Ruffin, 140, Astoria, L. I., his first kayo defeat in an eight-year career of more than 100 fights when he stopped the colorful Irishman in 1:46 of the fifth round.

Ruffin was dropped seven times as the NBA lightweight king landed smashing left hooks to Bobby's head time and again. Ruffin was floored almost within the first thirty seconds by a short right uppercut. He bounced up without a count. Bobby was dumped twice more and was a shaky fighter at the gong.

Williams found the range in the second canto and smashed Ruffin to the canvas for an eight-count. In the third heat Bobby suffered a bad bruise over the left eye. Ruffin made a game comeback in the fourth round as he connected with solid punches to Williams' body, several of which hurt Ike. The Negro steadied down and was pummeling Robert once more at the close of the heat. The end came in the fifth after Ruffin was bounced for counts of one, two and two. His face was covered with blood, and Referee George Walsh intervened.

In two sixes that followed the main go, Herbie Kronowitz, 157, Coney Island, outpointed Freddie Lott, 161, Newark, N. J., and Bobby Laken, 157, Jamaica, L. I., nosed out Danny Williams, 156, Albany, N. Y. A third six went to Archie Devino, 123, Astoria, L. I., when he whipped Bobby Richards, 122, Portland, Oregon.

Morris Belkin, 129½, East Side, came off the floor to beat Don Zito, 130½, Brooklyn, in a four-spot, and Paul Tine, 150, East Side, copped the curtain raiser over Henry Caballero, 148½, Brooklyn.

Irving Palefsky, 146½, Bronx, left-hooker, seeking his fourth straight kayo, was forced to go the distance against the wily veteran, Bobby Cummings, 145½, Philadelphia, in the main eight-rounder at the Forum Arena. The decision in favor of Irv was unanimous.

Tomas Aquinto Beato, 124½, Dominican Republic, kayoed Jose DeMedino, 118½, Puerto Rico, in 2:57 of the second round of the semi-final.

Two other knockouts were recorded as James Carter, 132½, Bronx, stopped Lou Langley, 133, Harlem, in 2:51 of round one, and Jackie Sairno, 136, Jamaica, L. I., halted Marcel Fournier, 132, Miami, Fla., in 1:50 of the first frame.

Felix Thomas, 126½, Bronx, won from Johnny Morino, 128½, Brooklyn, and Clem Rodriques, 125, Puerto Rico, outpointed Ed Byndum, 127, East Side, in the four-round bouts.

Peter Mead, 156, Grand Rapids, Michigan, newcomer, showed great form in trouncing Solly Zalter, 161¾, Montreal, in the star bout of ten rounds at the Croke Park Arena. The aggressive Mead floored Zalter in the seventh and ninth rounds.

Tony Antognoli, 139, New York, and Freddie Yeager, 134¾, Port Chester, N. Y., crossed gloves in a lively eight-round semi-windup, and Tony copped the decision.

Another eight resulted in a decision win for Jack Kenny, 169, Livingston, N. J., over Johnny Harvey, 162, Port Chester, N. Y., while in a four-spot, Phil Burton, 144¼, Harlem, was the winner over Tommy Lynch, 141¾, Wilmington, Delaware.

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

JACK SOLOMONS, upon whose broad shoulders the mantle of Europe's outstanding boxing promoter has fallen, came through with another smash show at Harringay Arena, London, topping his bill with a 12-round heavyweight contest between Bruce Woodcock of Doncaster, British empire heavyweight champion, and Freddie Mills of Bournemouth, the British light-heavyweight king.

A completely packed house of fans who paid more than $225,000 were rewarded with a terrific bout between the two big fellows, who battled every second of the twelve rounds in a savage, gory go that will long be remembered.

Woodcock at 191, had a ten-pound weight advantage, but this did not seem to worry the burly Mills, who gave and took tremendous punishment. Although shaken several times, the durable ex-soldier kept coming back and had Woodcock's left eye completely closed. Freddie was also cut about the left eye.

Bruce shook Mills in the eighth, but the latter was tough and quickly recuperated. The last round saw both men batter away at each other at a blistering pace, and this final heat surpassed even the previous eleven rounds for sheer excitement.

The referee, Mr. Moss Deyong, did not hesitate in awarding a points decision to Woodcock. Mills came in for his share of plaudits for his very game showing.

World's flyweight champion, Jackie Paterson of Glasgow, scored a smashing kayo win over Jimmy Webster, South African bantamweight champion, in the fifth round of a slated eight at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow.

The end came after Paterson shot a short right uppercut to the chin, followed by a left hook and Jimmy fell to the canvas like a log, to be counted out.

Ginger Stewart of Hamilton, successfully defended his Scottish welterweight championship by defeating Billy Stevens of Tillicoutry in a fifteen-round bout.

It was a closely waged affair and Ginger won by virtue of his aggressiveness.

Teddie O'Neill, Dumbarton, Scottish bantam king, was stopped by Billy Comerford of Glasgow in the eighth round when he received a nasty gash on the eyebrow. Honors were about even when the referee stepped in and stopped the contest.

Willie Whyte, Glasgow, outpointed Johnny Jenkins, Glasgow, in eight rounds, and Bill Jackson, Jamaica, defeated Billy Kelly, Carfin, in a six-round mill.

Cliff Anderson, British Guiana bantamweight, outpointed Sammy Reynolds of Wolverhampton, in a ten-round bout at Tunbridge Wells. Another listed ten-rounder ended abruptly when Billy Marlow, Battersea, stiffened Albert Ives, in the first round.

Olle Tandberg of Sweden outpointed the former British heavyweight champion, Jack London, in ten rounds, in Sweden.

Tandberg, who is the heavyweight champion of his country, was floored in the third round, taking a count of six, but after this he dealt out a great deal of hard punishment to London, who seemed to tire after the halfway mark. Jack was well beaten on points.

Alf Brown of England, was knocked out by Nils Andersson, former Swedish heavyweight champion, in the third round, after taking a bad beating.

The only victorious Britisher on the bill, was Gwyn Williams of Wales, who, after a terrific bout, outpointed Yrie Piitulainen of Finland, in a good ten. Williams was by far the better man, and had all the best of the fierce exchanges, winning by a wide margin.

British amateur boxers regained some of the prestige lost by their professional brothers, when they scored an undisputed 5 bouts to 3 wins over the United States, before 10,000 people at Wembley Stadium.

Britain began on a victory note when R. Gallagher of Scotland outpointed Johnny Arduini, (U. S.) in the flyweight division.

In the bantamweight class, C. Squires of England outpointed K. Hamilton, (U. S.).

Featherweights: L. Kelley, (U. S.) proved too good for Peter Brander, (Gt. Britain), winning on points.

Lightweights: Eddie Thomas, (Gt. Britain), outpointed G. McGee, (U. S.).

Welterweights: J. Ryan, (Gt. Britain), defeated R. Hinson, (U. S.).

Middleweights: Randolph Turpin, (Gt. Britain), turned in the best performance of the evening, when he knocked out Harold Anspach, (U. S.), in the first round.

Light-heavyweights: J. Tucker, (U. S.), defeated J. E. Taylor, (Gt. Britain), the referee intervening in the second round.

Heavyweights: C. Lester, (U. S.), defeated W. H. Beddow, (Gt. Britain), the referee intervening in the second round.

Promoter Solomons gave the fans an added treat when he presented Ernie Roderick of Liverpool, and Omar Kouidri of France in a fifteen-round semi-final with the European welterweight championship at stake.

The 32-year-old Roderick, boxing better than he has for some time, almost finished the Frenchman in the first round when he caught Kouidri with a terrific right. Omar dropped, but rose immediately, only to be felled again with another hard right. He took a count this time and was in bad shape as the gong sounded ending the first round.

After this, neither lad was able to land a really telling blow, and the contest settled down into a battle of tactics, with Roderick proving the finer tactician, and taking a narrow points victory from a younger and faster opponent.

Kouidri tried hard to kayo the Englishman, but Roderick made good use of his experience, and stayed out of the trouble. The decision in Ernie's favor was well received.

In an eight-rounder, Alby Hollister of Islington, outpointed Jimmy Hockley of Covent Garden. Ronnie Burr of Ewell defeated Sid Riches of West Ham, in four rounds.

The ex-amateur lightweight champion, Eddie Thomas of Merthyr, making his professional debut, made a good impression when he outpointed Ivor Simpson of Basingstoke, in a four-round bout. Joe Carter of Mitcham defeated Eddie Damuzel of Wales, in four rounds.

Ernie Roderick, 148½, of Liverpool, who holds both the Welter and Middleweight Championships of Great Britain, was far below championship form in his encounter with the 23-year-old Frenchman, Jean Walzach, 147½, at the Royal Albert Hall, London. After ten really fierce rounds, Walzach received the decision.

Roderick did well enough in the early rounds, using his cultured straight left to good effect, and in the second stanza, he even managed to shake the stolid Frenchman with a sharp right cross that brought him to his knees, but after that, he faded out of the picture.

Walzach, by far the younger man, began to take the fight to Roderick, and it was apparent after the seventh session that Roderick was extremely tired.

As the fight neared its close, Walzach's attack became all the fiercer, and Roderick took severe punishment, being forced to use his vast store of experience to keep from being knocked out.

In a fast and furious last round, Roderick was chased all around the ring, and dealt some heavy blows.

Cliff Anderson, 119, Negro Bantamweight from British Guiana, and Theo. Medina, 117½, French Flyweight and Bantamweight Champion, also met over the ten rounds course, with Anderson copping the duke.

It was apparent that the two lads were evenly matched, for the opening rounds saw both boys feeling each other out. Neither succeeded in taking too much of a lead, until the halfway mark, when Anderson, who was boxing in an extremely cool manner, began to pull ahead. He frustrated every move of the Frenchman, who was attempting to end the fight with his two-handed punching.

It was the last round that clinched the contest for Anderson, who stood up and boxed his way to victory.

It must be added that Medina on this occasion was far from the Medina who looked so well in beating Jackie Paterson.

Mark Hart, 161¾, of Croydon, Ex ABA Cruiserweight Champion, scored a win over the young Islington Middleweight, Alby Hollister, 158, after eight well contested rounds.

Hollister dashed from his corner at the opening bell, but Hart stopped his rival with well placed left jabs to the chin.

Hollister tried again, but this time a right cross to the jaw put him onto the canvas for seven. When he arose Hart failed to follow up his advantage, and allowed his man to make a recovery. The end of the contest saw Hollister in a sorry condition, while Hart smilingly received the decision, practically as fresh as when he entered the ring.

Cliff Morris, 126¼, of Pontypridd, defeated Jimmy Stubbs, 127, of Runcorn, when the latter was disqualified in the second of a scheduled eight-round contest for an alleged low blow.

Teddie O'Neill, 120, of Scotland, defeated Tim Mahoney, 118¾, of Poplar, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest, when the referee intervened, after Mahoney had taken severe punishment.

Billy Thompson, 133, of Hickleton Main, sensational, undefeated twenty-year-old lightweight, kept his unbeaten professional record intact when he knocked out Billy Biddles, 134, of Birmingham, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest at Birmingham.

Thompson wasted no time, but darted in at the opening gong, and took Biddles completely out of his stride.

Biddles recovered somewhat during the second and third rounds, but it was Thompson who continued to set the pace, beating his man to the punch.

Thompson went to work with both hands during the fourth round, and forced Biddles to the ropes. As the Birmingham lad turned away from the ropes, Thompson saw his opportunity, and whipped a smashing right to Biddles' jaw. Biddles fell to the canvas as though pole-axed, and was counted out.

Alf Edwards, 134, of Smethwick, outpointed Fred Morris, 127, of London, in eight rounds. Ben Valentine, 173, of Fiji, outpointed Frank Hayes, 166, of Ireland, on points in an eight-rounder. Dick Grant, of Barnsley, defeated Johnny Barnes, of Birmingham, the referee calling a halt in the second round, after Barnes had taken severe punishment.

Pat Mulcahy, 159½, of Cork, seemed extremely unlucky to be declared the loser in his eight-round contest with Frank Boylan, 161½, of Belfast, at the Ulster Hall, Belfast, for it certainly seemed that Mulcahy had done more than enough to warrant the decision.

Boylan took the first three rounds, but from then on was on the receiving end, and took much punishment.

Pandemonium greeted the referee's decision, and it was some time before boxing could be resumed.

Jackie Holland, 129, of Belfast, defeated LAC Johnny Smith, 133, of the RAF, who retired at the end of the fourth of a scheduled eight-round fight.

Smith, who was a last minute substitute, was obviously out of condition, and he did well to last as long as he did.

Eddie McCullough, 115, of Belfast, forced Paddy O'Niel, 113, of Dublin, to retire at the end of the sixth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

McCullough, a promising flyweight, dealt out some heavy blows to O'Niel, who took several counts before his chief second threw in the towel as a token of defeat.

Alf Edwards, 135, of Smethwick, gained a good points win over Dennis Chadwick, 136, of Bridlington, in eight rounds, at Birmingham. Chadwick was in there always trying, but he lacked the superior knowledge of Edwards, who proved a popular winner.

Ric Saunders, 144, of Leicester, knocked out Tommy Shaw, 142, of Coventry, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Johnny Williams, of Rugby, defeated Joe Williams, of London, on points in an eight-round bout. Percy Pateman, Spratton, knocked out Dennis O'Shea, Derby, in the second of a scheduled six.

Len Abrahams, of West Bromwich, outpointed Harry Burt, of Leicester, in another six-rounder.

Cliff Curvis, 127¼, the promising eighteen-year-old Swansea Featherweight, gained a good win over Louis Orsini, 128, of France, in eight rounds, at the Town Hall, Bow Road, London.

Curvis, who is a southpaw, didn't take long to fathom a method to defeat the Frenchman, whose main system of attack was to rush in with two hands, and he was an obvious points winner.

Harry Lazar, 148½, of Aldgate, defeated Francois Blanchard, 143¼, of France, on points, in eight rounds.

Kenny Green, of Croydon, defeated Dave Clemo, of Ware, in six rounds. Mickey Duff, 137, Aldgate, defeated Teddy Larkham, 133½, Brentford, in six rounds, on points.

Dave Sharkey, 129, of Stepney, defeated Billy Jones, 138, of Bow, the referee calling a halt in the first of a scheduled six-round contest, when Jones had sustained a badly cut eyebrow.

Gunner Mayo Smith, of Guilford, defeated Don Smith, of Prestwood, points, in eight rounds, at High Wycombe.

It was Mayo who forced the fight throughout the contest, and he thoroughly deserved Referee Little's decision at the close.

Ronnie Draper, of Southampton, received a points decision over Max Brady, of Belfast, after six rounds.

Jake Carr, of Princes Risborough, forced Johnny Toonig, of Croydon, subbing for Hank Klaveren, of Holland, to retire at the end of the fourth of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Ivor Simpson, of Basingstoke, defeated Teddy Larkham, of Brentford, when the latter retired at the end of the third of a slated eight, with a badly damaged hand.

Boyo Burns, of Bolton, defeated Paddy Ross, of Sunderland, when the latter was disqualified in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest, for an alleged low blow.

The chief supporting contest at Blackburn saw ex-Flyweight contender Pierce Ellis, of Manchester, making a welcome return to the ring after a long absence, and defeating Mickey O'Niel, of Sunderland, in the first of a scheduled eight-round affair. O'Niel took three long counts before he was put away for keeps by a savage right hook.

Val Young, of Blackburn, knocked out Sam Taplis, of Manchester, in the third of a scheduled six-round contest. Seaman Taylor, of Preston, knocked out Ken Harper in the first of a scheduled six.

Tom Dawnie, of Sunderland, hit too heavy for Jimmy Ward, of Boston, the towel being thrown in midway of the second round of a scheduled eight.

Ric Saunders, of Leicester, and Phil Volante, of Birmingham, battled ten fierce rounds to a draw, at the Town Hall, Brierley Hill.

The contest veered first one way and then the other, with neither lad taking any substantial lead, and the referee's decision proved popular with the large crowd.

Len Abrahams, of West Bromwich, outpointed Harry Burt, of Leicester, after eight boring rounds. Johnny Barnes, of Smethwick, defeated Jackie Elliott, of Leicester, on points in a six, and Ron Price, of Bilston, knocked out Mick Hession, of Brownhills, in the second of a scheduled six-round bout.

Harry Hughes, of Wishaw, and Pat Kelly, of Perth, put up a terrific contest for ten rounds at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, before Hughes won a narrow points decision.

Jim McLean, of Edinburgh, knocked out Jim Mack, of Hamilton, in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest. Bill Jackson of Jamaica, outpointed Jock McCusker, of Glasgow, after ten interesting rounds.

Jim Callorey, of Govan, knocked out Benny Marshall, of Glasgow, in the third of a scheduled six-round contest.

George Dilks, 159, of Barnsley, knocked out Victor Turbeyfield, 160, Birmingham, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Dilks was by far the heavier hitter and cleverer boxer, and soon found the measure of his man.

Rugger North, of South Elmsall, and Dick Johnson, of Nottingham, fought eight strenuous rounds to a popular draw.

Len Harrison, of South Elmsall, outpointed Geoff Heath, of Worcester, after eight rounds in which Harrison's superiority was marked. Heath was dropped three times during the contest, but battled gamely all the way against an obviously better opponent.

Harry Barrett, of Pontefract, lost to Ken Green, of Barnsley, the referee stopping the fight in the fifth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Nick Weldridge, 147½, of Dublin, and Jack Josephs, 141¾, of Carrickfergus, met in an eight-rounder at Belfast, and gave the fans one of the greatest bouts they had seen in many a moon.

Both boys stood toe to toe in the center of the ring and slugged it out for the whole distance, with Weldridge taking an extremely narrow points decision.

Matt Locke, of Belfast, and Sean Clancey, of Dublin, also met over the eight-round route, in the chief supporting bout, and it was in direct contrast to the main event. This eight-rounder dragged like it was set for eighty, with Locke winning a points decision.

Pat Kelly, Belfast, stopped Jackie Brown, Dublin, in the third of a contest scheduled for eight rounds. Larry Fitzsimmons, of Belfast, defeated T. Rafferty, of Belfast, on points, in a six spot.

D. Craig, of Belfast, defeated R. Kerr, of Belfast, by a knockout in the first of a scheduled six-round mêlée. J. Smith, of Belfast, knocked out Jimmy Knocker, of Belfast, in the second of a scheduled six-round contest.

Harry O'Grady, 160, of Amersham, defeated Stan Edwards, 160, of Watford, on points, in the main event of eight rounds at Maple Cross, Rickmansworth.

O'Grady dominated the proceedings, but seemed to get a little overconfident, and took a nasty right to the chin in the sixth round, which caused him to hang on to avoid defeat. He recovered sufficiently to box his way out of danger, and to a points decision.

Danny Nagle, of Ireland, defeated George Wellman, of Bournemouth, after eight fast rounds, taking a points decision. Ken Parker, of Doncaster, lost to Mick O'Grady, of Aylesbury, on points in six rounds.

Len Saunders, of King's Langley, and Jim Johnson, of Woburn, were matched for six rounds, but after Johnson took a terrific punch on the chin in the first round, he was unable to come up for the second round, after being saved by the bell, and was adjudged the loser by a kayo.

Pat Crawford, of Aylesbury, drew with Ted MacDonald, of Watford, in six rounds, while Fred Palfrey, of Watford, defeated Benny Mein, of Bournemouth, over the same distance.

Ginger Sadd, 162½, of Norwich, defeated Billy Cottrell, 159½, of Bermondsey, in eight rounds on points, at Watford.

Sadd won by virtue of his greater experience, although he found an opponent who was always willing to mix it.

Jack Smith, 187, of Worcester, and Al Marson, 174, of Stepney, met in an eight-rounder, and the draw verdict was a fitting decision.

Mickey Holdsworth, 124, of Slough, outpointed Bob Hickey, 129, of Edgware, in six rounds. Don Smith, of High Wycombe, defeated Harry O'Grady, of Amersham, on points in a six-round bout.

Fred Wells, of Bermondsey, was too good for Stan Edwards, of Watford, in their scheduled six-round contest, which ended when the referee called a halt in the fourth.

Frank Naro, 141, of Dumbarton, and Johnny Jenkins, 145, of Glasgow, fought an eight-round draw in the main event at Clydebank, Scotland.

A furious last round helped Jenkins earn the draw.

Danny Woods, of Clydebank, outpointed Harry Hughes, of Hamilton, in eight rounds. Woods had to pull all his resourcefulness out of the bag to take home a narrow points win.

Bobby Wade, of Glasgow, dealt out severe punishment to Jim Marshall, of Glasgow, flooring him for six long counts during the two rounds the contest lasted. Marshall was unable to come up for round three of this bout which had been scheduled for six rounds.

Pat Kelly, of Perth, defeated Frank Brown, of Dumbarton, in a ten-rounder on points. Benny Marshall, of Glasgow, knocked out Johnny Woods, of Clydebank, in the fourth of a scheduled six-round contest.

Frank Williams, 126, promising young Birkenhead Featherweight, scored another good win when he outpointed Jackie Hughes, 125¾, of Pontypridd, after ten hard rounds at the Liverpool Stadium.

Williams boxed well, dealing out much punishment to the Welsh lad, who proved game to the extreme, and was always in there trying.

Peter Fallon, 135¾, of Birkenhead, caused the referee to intervene in his bout with Cyril Williams, 139½, of Abertridwr, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round bout, when Williams was in a bad way.

Alf Taylor, 145, of Warrington, outpointed Ginger Ward, 146, of Merthyr, after eight slambang rounds. George Bridges, 137, of Manchester, defeated Mick Gibbons, 139, of Belfast, who was disqualified in the third of a scheduled eight-round contest, for an alleged low blow.

Tony Martin, 140, of Warrington, stopped Alf Lunt, 137, of Liverpool, in the fifth of a six-rounder, the referee calling a halt after Lunt had taken severe punishment, and was in no condition to continue.

Dick Johnson, of Nottingham, outpointed Tommy Clarke, of Beeston, after a hard-hitting eight-rounder at Matlock.

George Marsden, of Nottingham, knocked out Sid Glover, of Nottingham, in the third of a scheduled six-round contest. Jerry Walls, of Mansfield, outpointed Gill Davies, of Alfreton, in six rounds. Mick Mullet, of Alfreton, outpointed Jimmy Haslam, of Nottingham, in six rounds.

Ken Page, of Selston, knocked out Ralph White, of Matlock, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest.

Harry Lawrence, of Crewkerne, outpointed Red Pullen, of London, in ten rounds, at Crewkerne. Lawrence was making his first appearance in the ring after four years in a POW camp.

Len Dyer, of Bath, defeated Dennis Williams, of Hereford, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round contest, when Williams received a badly cut eyebrow, the referee calling a halt.

Jackie Morris, of Swindon, defeated Roy Coles, of Weston, in six rounds on points. Don Trapnell, of Weston, outpointed George Edwards, of Gloucester, in another six. Benny Weaver, of Weston, outpointed Tommy Farr, of Weston, in six rounds.

Teddy Peckham, of Bournemouth, and Danny Nagle met in a ten-rounder at Worthing, and after a close contest, Peckham nosed home the winner.

Jimmy Jury, of Barnstable, and Pat Crawford, of Oxford, also met in a ten-rounder, with Jury always the master, and an easy winner at the close.

Harry Legge, of Bournemouth, and Jerry Nagle, of Ireland, fought ten fierce rounds, with both boys paying innumerable visits to the canvas, before Legge received a points verdict.

Jimmy Bryan, of Gloucester, and Guardsman MacDonald, of Watford, were scheduled for eight rounds, but one round sufficed for Bryan to batter MacDonald into submission.

Harry Edwards, of Luton, knocked out Harry O'Grady, of Amersham, in the third of a scheduled eight. Frankie Bassenger, of King's Cross, and George Wellman, of Bournemouth, two sixteen-year-olds, gave a fine display in the six-round curtain raiser, and the decision of the draw was well received.

Tex Medley, 166½, of Canada, came in as a last minute substitute, when Jack Spencer, manager of Jimmy Thornhill, withdrew his boxer, and defeated Harry Davis, 159½, of Bethnal Green, in the third of a scheduled ten-round contest, at Bow Road, when Davis was disqualified for an alleged low blow.

Jordan Tarone, 142, of West Africa, and Johnny Cunningham, 142½, of Bethnal Green, drew in an eight-round bout.

Billy Cook, of Dublin, outpointed Johnny Ball, of Middlesborough, in eight rounds. Mickey Duff, 135¼, of Aldgate, defeated Frank Hamilton, 136¼, Canada, in six rounds on points. Billy Haley, 133, of Edmonton, outpointed Jimmy Doyle, 134½, of Hoxton, in six rounds.

Bill Jackson, Jamaica Negro Middleweight, who caused quite a stir when he recently defeated Jock McClusker, of Glasgow, at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow, paid another visit to this arena, and scored another win, this time at the expense of Jim Hall, of Chapel Hall, former Scottish Cruiserweight kingpin.

Barry Ward, of Perth, drew with Terry McGovern, of Newcastle, in a ten-round fray.

Bobby McGhee, of Glasgow, defeated Jim McLeod, of Paisley, in the ninth of a scheduled ten-round contest, when the referee called a halt, after McLeod had taken much punishment.

Benny Marshall, of Glasgow, knocked out Joe O'Donnell, of Donegal, in the second of a scheduled six.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

MOST of the clubs in this state are operating outdoors. The main forts for the summer will be Hartford, Waterbury, Manchester, Stamford, Norwalk, New London, Bristol and Torrington. A club has opened up in Thompsonville running all semi-pro bouts and doing very well.

This writer is promoting at Manchester. It is an outdoor arena situated on Silver Lane Highway, six miles from Hartford. The arena seats 1800 and can be altered to accommodate larger crowds if the need arises. The population for metropolitan Hartford, including Manchester, is about 300,000. Boxers and managers are asked to contact me at 250 Saybrooke Street, Hartford, Conn.

Danbury—Armory: Pete Montesi, World War II hero, put on another bangup card before a sellout crowd. Ray Robinson boxed his opponents two rounds each as an exhibition. His sparring partners were George Johnson and Tommy Sloan. Bobby Hudson, 129, Bridgeport boxer, was held to a draw by Joe Krikis, 132, New York Greek, in a six-round bout. Al Barbosa, 155, Providence, R. I., went to a draw with Al Johnson, 160, New York, in another six. Ernie Cabral, 138, New Haven Negro, scored over Rocco Russo, 139, New York, in another six. The remainder of the card was made up of semi-pro bouts.

New Haven Arena—New Haven fans were given a look at Dennis "Pat" Brady, 129, New York, when he whipped game Willie Alexander, 126, Philadelphia Negro, in eight rounds. Frank Foley, 142, New Haven, won an unpopular decision over Joey Polowitzer, 139, East Hartford, in the eight-round semi-final. Charlie "KO" Chaney, 164, Baltimore, kayoed Tony Gillo, 169, New Haven, in the fifth round of another eight-rounder. George Larover, 142, Philadelphia, knocked out Harry Hurst, 143, Montreal, in the fifth.

New Britain—Stanley Arena: Milt Lattimer, 150, New York, scored an upset in knocking out Al Velez, 147, Valley Stream, L. I., in the second. Dennis McCabe, 140, New York, was awarded a T.K.O. over Frankie Pitts, 136, Philadelphia, when the latter went down without being hit. George Wright, 125, Brooklyn, won a six-round decision over Johnny Gebert, 130, Valley Stream. Henry Polowitzer won in four heats over his pal, Ray McArthur, 138, Middletown. Charlie Litwinis, 144, Hartford, edged out Carey Mace, 148, Hartford, in a semi-pro bout.

Hartford Auditorium—Tony Vero, 150, Stamford, pasted Red Doty, 151, Hartford, around the ring for a couple of rounds in their eight-round bout but the redhead came down the stretch and almost stopped his man. Freddie Polowitzer, 137, Hartford, pounded out a decisive win over Joey Schultz, 133, New Britain, in one of the sixes. Henry Holt, 155, Danbury, belted out Joe Russo, 154, New York, in the fourth of another six. Eddie Rodriguez, 168, Norwich, won a sloppy six-rounder from Pat Vendrillo, 173, Manchester. Augie Brett, 129, Hartford, knocked out Kid Francis, 126, Hartford, in the first round.

New Haven Arena—Eddie Compo, 126, New Haven, banged out a decisive eight-round decision over Ralph LaSalle, 122, Puerto Rico. Joey Dell, 128, and Joey Wasnick, 128, both of New Haven, met in the semi-final with Dell getting a close decision. Angelo Ambrosano, 130, Philadelphia, easily outpointed Don Madrid, 130, Mexico, in the third eight. Mickey Williams, 134, New Haven, decisioned Eddie O'Tash, 137, Bridgeport, in a six-rounder. Eldredge Eatman, 201, Norwalk, drew with Ernie Griffin, 176, Hartford, in the six-round opener.

New Britain—Stanley Arena: Bat Stroud, 155, Tampa, Fla., Negro, scored a first-round knockout over Billy Kowal, 157, Southington. Kowal was dropped twice, the second time hitting his head so hard on the floor of the ring that he was out for 15 minutes. Bill Boyd, 159, Dallas, Texas, won a six-round decision over Jose (Chico) Torres, 160, Puerto Rico. Joey Schultz, 134, New Britain, decisioned Andre Sarilla, 133, New York, in another six. Harold Schwartz, 130, New York, decisioned Ray Ruffo, 134, Hartford, in a four-rounder. In a four-rounder Henry Polowitzer dropped the duke to Johnny Bell, 138, New Britain.

Stamford—Columbus Hall: Jimmy Green, 152, switch-hitting New York Negro, gave Sammy Mammone, 149, a bad beating in the eight-round feature bout. Mammone was floored for no-counts in both the third and fourth rounds. Jimmy Thurman, 152, New York, scored a clean K.O. over Nate Smith, 155, Pittsburgh in the third. Charlie Dent, 136, New York, stopped Al Bevins, 140, New York, in the second. Danny Sileo, 132, Stamford, stopped Willie Bertie, 135, New York, in the third. Billy Griffin, 143, New York, stopped Joe Jennings, 145, Norwalk, in the second.

Hartford Auditorium—Dom Fiantini, 129, Reading, Pa., scored an easy kayo over Eden Germaine, 133, highly touted Portland, Me., battler. Germaine was down four times before the bout was stopped. George Smith, 144, New York, snapped the winning streak of Frank Vigeant, 141, Waterbury, at 15 in the eight-round semi-final. Henry Holt, 153, Danbury, punched out a convincing six-round decision over Georgie Humes, 155, East Hartford. Al Medrano, 127, Los Angeles, scored a decision over Gabriel Rios, 120, New York, in another six. Herb Freeman, 140, Waterbury, knocked out Ray McArthur, 140, Middletown, in the first.

New Britain—Stanley Arena: Joe Bennett, 151, New York, won an eight-round decision over Milt Lattimer, 148, Beacon, N. Y., but had to get up off the floor twice in order to do it. Lattimer, a Negro, dropped Bennett twice in the fourth round. Jim Thurman, 149, Stamford, whipped Jimmy Green, 152, New York, in the six-round semi-windup. Harold Schwartz, 134, New York, drew with Johnny Bell, 138, New Britain, in a six-rounder. Joe Pearl, 135, Hartford, stopped Jim Bailey, 132, Hartford, in five rounds. Carey Mace, 143, Hartford, decisioned Charlie Litwinis, 142, Hartford, in a semi-pro bout.

Stamford—Columbus Hall: Rocky Progano, 129, Stamford, won each of eight rounds to pound out an easy decision over Andre Sarilla, 134, New York. The referee, Jimmy Peters, stopped the only other pro bout and called it "no contest" when Len Castro, 135, New York, and Cal Bevins, 140, New York, failed to throw more than "cream-puff" punches at each other. Another fighter, Dennis McCabe, was suspended for refusing to fight after he was dressed to enter the ring.

Hartford Auditorium—Julio Jiminez, 137, Mexico, scored an eight-round decision over Walter (Cabey) Lewis, 133, New York Negro. Bat Stroud, 158, Tampa, Fla., Negro, lost an unpopular decision to Russ Baxter, 162, New Castle, Pa., in the eight-round semi-final. Freddie Polowitzer, 139, Hartford, kayoed Lanky Tony Davilo, 140, Mexico, in the final frame of a six. Al Medrano, 129, Los Angeles, scored a quick one-round kayo over Mariano Bertez, 131, Mexico, in another six. Augie Brett, 130, Hartford, edged out a close four-round decision over Tony Coma, 133, Hartford.

New London—Ocean Beach Park: Frankie Vigeant, 143, Waterbury, won by a knockout over Dolly King, 143, Springfield, in the fourth of the eight-round feature. Ellis Morgan, 155, Hartford, stopped Henry Holt, 152, Danbury, in the fifth of the six-round semi-final. Freddie Polowitzer, 132, Hartford, stopped Steve Gallen, 132, Waterbury, in the second of a six. Bobby Williams, 133, Bridgeport, stopped Bobby Reardon, 126, Hartford, in the second. Henry Polowitzer, 140, East Hartford, scored over Ray McArthur, 140, Middletown, in another four.

Hartford Auditorium—George (Red) Doty, 154, Hartford, and Bat Stroud, 158, Hartford Negro, finally met, but the match only went one round. Stroud suffered a severe cut over his left eye that necessitated stopping the bout. Ellis Morgan, 157, Hartford, won over Gene Roberts, 161, New York, in a six. Ted Richmond, 139, Hartford, won by a T.K.O. over Tony Coma, 133, Hartford, in the fifth of a six. George Marino, 148, Bridgeport, stopped Charley Moore, 147, Paterson, in the third of a six. Eddie Jackwyn, 134, Hartford, won a close one over Charlie Litwinis, 136, Hartford.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

DAVE CASTILLOUX defended his Canadian welter title successfully against Gus (Pell) Mell, after getting off the floor twice. He then came bock strongly to take command of hostilities for a cleancut decision. A big crowd, clicking the Forum turnstiles for more than $23,000, got a terrific thrill when Mell's rifling right toppled Dave for a no-count in the third. Promoter Al Foreman, flushed with his success in reviving boxing to a big-time scale locally, lost little time in going after a rematch that would undoubtedly draw a bigger gate.

In the semi-final eight-rounder Hubert Gagnier scored over Tony Roberts, Winnipeg veteran, to add to his growing list of straight wins. In the best of the six-rounders, Roland Prairie, another fast-rising local youngster, impressed with his polished display in giving Joe Wasnick, New Haven, a merry lacing. Romeo Ouimet easily trounced Quebec's Frankie Belanger and George Gervin won by a technical knockout in the fifth round when Biff Davis' cut eye kept bleeding.

The Castilloux-Mell rematch resulted in a draw though general opinion was that Castilloux had won by a handy margin. However, Mell's terrific finish, ripping in to outpunch Castilloux in the last round, influenced one of the judges enough to mark Mell as the winner on his ballot. Most of the time, however, the champion was in command and he had Mell on the verge of a knock-out in the eighth. The fight was not as dramatic as their first clash but was a hotly contested one throughout the ten rounds. The gate, as expected, broke previous records, more than $27,000 being grossed.

Charlie Chaney, Baltimore middleweight, proved somewhat of a sensation in the eight-round semi-final, stopping Al Evans in four heats. It was a terrific battle while it lasted, Chaney proving too strong and hard-hitting for Evans, who was a bit lacking in condition due to a lengthy layoff. Built something like Tony Galento, Chaney, a protege of George Sheppard, has dynamic punching power, flooring Evans three times.

The prelims were hard-fought tussles. Hubert Gagnier got the jump on Rollie Renaud, connecting cleanly with the first punch of the fight which closed Renaud's left eye and the blond gamester took a lacing gallantly for three rounds before the referee stopped it. Roland Prairie again impressed by outbattling tough Angelo Ambrosano of Philadelphia, in a six-rounder, while George Gervin outpunched Biff Davis in the opener only to get a draw verdict. One wonders if we'll ever have dependable judging here.

STRAY SHOTS—Boxing is also booming in other parts of Canada, drawing well in Toronto, also in the Maritimes . . . Joe Pyle, Negro welter, hung the sleeper sign in two rounds on K. O. McCluskey at Glace Bay before a crowd paying over $11,000. . . . Gussie McLellan is doing well as a promoter there. . . . Irish Tommy Murray scored in smart style at Moncton, N. B., when he kayoed Bobby Magnollo in six stanzas . . . Wilfe Shanks, back in trim, efforts are being made to match him up for a title bout with Len Wadsworth, Canadian middle king. . . . Raoul Godbout, with Jack Rogers and Pete Audette as associates, will promote at the Stade Exchange . . . Frankie Pucci and Florian Bibeau will headline their first outdoor show. . . . Jimmie McKimmie is also likely to get back into harness with shows at the Coliseum, providing really good attractions are handy . . . cheerio till next month.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

STILL lacking the finesse of a polished heavyweight contender, but throwing terrific punches from every angle, Abel Cestac, South American protege of Jack Dempsey, scored a second-round knockout over Phil Moreland, Richmond, Mo., in the co-main event in Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kan., the night of May 14. A crowd of 1,500 paid $3,419.07 to see the show.

Curtis Sheppard, the Pittsburgh heavyweight hope, won by a knockout over Charles Neaves, Kansas City, in 2:28 of the third round of their scheduled 10-round event. The 225-pound Neaves was on the canvas for a six-count toll when the gong sounded for the round to end. Other results:

Del Cockayne, 136, Des Moines, outpointed Bo Davis, 136½, K. C., six rounds.

Mickey Savage, 136, St. Louis, outpointed Jackie Darthard, 145½, K. C., six rounds.

Bobby Jarvis, 133½, K. C., outpointed Ruben Salazar, 130, Juarez, Mex., in four rounds.

Referees—Jack Dempsey, Walter Bates, Johnny Malone.

Ray Augustus, tall, lanky Topekan, proved once again that he is just about the craftiest 175-pounder in these parts when he jabbed out a decisive decision of eight rounds, over favored Jimmy Casino of Los Angeles in the main event on May 9, at the Topeka Auditorium.

The long-armed Augustus, who has dropped only one verdict since turning professional 32 bouts ago, gave the stocky West Coast clouter a convincing thrashing before a gathering of nearly 3,000 fans.

The Topeka *Daily Capital's* scorecard recorded the first round a draw, gave Cassino the second, fourth and fifth; Augustus the third and last three. The Topeka *State Journal* gave Augustus all but the fourth and sixth. (In Kansas professional boxing is scored by newspaper decision).

Two second-round knockouts occurred during the exciting show, one of them being Topekan Bill Jackson's impressive triumph over Bobby Jenkins of Hutchinson to win the heavyweight championship of the State of Kansas.

Oscar Lee Wilkins, power-punching Topekan, who was seeking his sixteenth kayo, decisioned Amado Rodriquez, Mexico's light-heavyweight champion, after the latter lost two rounds on low blows. Rodriquez dropped a decision to Ray Augustus here last month. Other results:

Rube Salazar, 130, Mexico City, outpointed Charles "Shifty" Gardner, 129, Topeka, four rounds.

Billy "Duke" Andrews, 131, Topeka, outpointed Jose Macias, 132, Mexico City, four rounds.

Luis Lopez, 142, Mexico City, kayoed Bob Childers, 142, K. C., 2:59 of the second round.

Referee—Walter "Dutch" Geiser.

In the top half of the co-main event before 1,858 fans who paid $3,910.12 to see a five-bout program at Municipal Auditorium, K. C., Mo., May 27, Roy Miller, Kansas City light-heavyweight, was handed a close decision over Ray Augustus, of Topeka, over the 10-round route.

Miller scaled 166½. No knockdowns were scored during the ten rounds and Augustus, who weighed 169½, had Miller running all the way in the tenth.

Charles Riley, St. Louis, featherweight, scored a second-round knockout in fifty seconds to win the second main event from Lou Transparenti of Baltimore. Other results:

Johnny Longo, 124½, Baltimore, outpointed Hank Okura, 127½, Chicago, in six rounds.

Dave Riley, 147, St. Louis, knocked out Hugh Stell, 147½, Kansas City, in 44 seconds of the second round.

Raymond Young, 162½, Kansas City, outpointed Orville Spurlock, 155, K. C., four rounds.

Referees—Johnny Coulon, Walter Bates and Harry Corbett.

Judges—Jack Grout, Sammy Anch, Tony Anello, Gus Spartan, George Hobson, Jr., Fred Mancuso, Tommy Taylor.

In a savage fight, Al Velez, repeated a technical knockout victory over Jack Lyons at the Forum in Wichita, May 29. Before more than 3,000 fight fans, the undefeated Wichita Spaniard scored a technical K.O. at the end of the fourth. Lyons knocked Velez down in the first but was bleeding badly around the eye and mouth in the third and fourth causing Referee Zongker to halt the fight.

The card of eight bouts had four technical knockouts.

Frankie Rivera, Kansas City's scrappy bantamweight, suffered his first professional ring defeat in sixteen starts when he was outpointed by Jose Andres, a rapid-fire switch puncher from Dallas, June 4, in a co-feature bout at the Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kan.

The other half of the main event ended abruptly early in the second round when Levi Southall, 147, of Kansas City, blasted his way to a technical knockout over a weak-punching Howard Bleyhl of Madison, Minn., in 59 seconds of the second round. Other results:

Jackie Darthard, 145, K. C., scored a technical knockout over Roy Lewis, 141½, Muncie, Ind., in sixth round.

Harry Mills, 163, K. C., knocked out Irish Mickey McGinnis, 162, Chicago, 2:36 of the second round.

Raymond Young, 162½, K. C., scored a technical knockout over Joe Morey, 160, K. C., in 2:43 of the third round.

Wrestling continues to draw good weekly crowds throughout the Midwest. Topeka, Wichita, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Salina are continuing their programs throughout the summer. Among the current heavyweight attractions are: Orville Brown, MWA titleholder, Alabama Bill Lee, Ray Villmer, Vic Holbrook, Bobby Burns, The Swedish Angel, Don McIntyre, Ray Eckert, Lord Albert Mills, and others. During May Shirley Temple's handsome brother, George Temple, Jr., appeared for the first time in Midwest centers.

Names of promoters and managers may be secured at the office of your correspondent: 704 Kansas Avenue, Topeka, Kansas.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

BOB MELROSE, a good middleweight from Menominie, Wis., is looking for action around the Northwest.

Roy Warfield is the boxing promoter at Sioux City, Ia.

Karl Ogren has a new heavyweight by the name of Jimmy Connolly, from St. Paul.

Spike McCarthy, the trainer and second, is in a field where he likes it a lot. He is now the announcer at all the cards in South St. Paul.

Emmett Weller has a good middleweight in Blaine Young from Minot, N. D. The best prospect at the present time is Jimmy Ellis, a lightweight from Rice Street, in St. Paul.

Jack O'Brien of Duluth, has two good boys in Wen Lambert and Roger Charf.

Minneapolis, Minn., Friday, May 31.—Willie Pep, the featherweight champion, won all the way from Jimmy Joyce, Chicago, in the main event of eight rounds. Pep made a great hit with the fans and everybody was singing his praises after the fight. Pep weighed 127, and Joyce, 135. Fred Ford, 179, won the decision over Larry Watson, Omaha, 176, in the semi-windup of six rounds. Johnny Cesario, Hartford, Conn, 140, won the decision over Gene Joyce, 139, Chicago, in six rounds.

Johnny Dimoff of Milwaukee, Wis., would like to show his featherweight in the Twin Cities. Con Perli is the name and has had four professional fights and won all of them.

Jack Callahan is the manager of Charlie Riley, a good featherweight from St. Louis, Mo.

My Sullivan is the manager of the Radio Room Cocktail Lounge in Minneapolis.

South St. Paul, Minnesota High School Auditorium, Friday, May 24th—Blaine Young, St. Paul middleweight, 158, won the decision over Willie Reimerman, Minneapolis, 156, in the three-round main event of an amateur card.

Earl Lilledahl, of 383 23rd Avenue, South Minneapolis, would like to get in contact with Gene La Rue, bantamweight, of Detroit, Mich., at once.

Billy Colbert is the boxing promoter in St. Paul, and plans on running shows regularly and would like to hear from managers of boxers.

Send in your news for the column to the writer at 319 Robert St., Gibbons Gym, in St. Paul, before the fifth of the month.

SPOKANE NEWS
By JIMMY TANSY

A GOOD sized crowd gathered at Ferris Field to see Joey Dolan slug it out for ten rounds with Joe Robleto of California. The "Mick" showed one and all that he is ready, willing, and able to meet Willie Pep or any one else in the featherweight division. Meeting Robleto for the fifth time Dolan showed that he has moved far out of the game Mexican's class. For the entire ten rounds it was the master and the pupil except when the "Shamrock Kid" would stand toe to toe with Robbie for the benefit of the crowd. In one of these exchanges "Irish" put his opponent down for a four-count. He had the better of things all along. The officials called it nine rounds for Dolan and one for Robleto.

In the semi-final six, Billy Fritz, Spokane welterweight, punched Cal Robinson with everything but the sink in taking a well-earned decision. Chris Gregory K.O.'ed Bob Watts in the second. In the prelims Fran Porter beat Pete Lane, both middleweights. Joe Valarano and Ralph Garrison drew in the opener.

Tiger Fox looked bad in his bout against six feet, four-inches Leroy Evans of California. Instead of going to the attack, as of old, Fox was content to lie back and snarl at Evans, who was reluctant to take a chance with the one time "wild cat." In the eighth round Evans was clipped on the chin and went down for the count. P. S. Commissioner Les Francis fined him fifty buckeroos for not trying.

Fast rising Billy Fritz saved the show in the semi-windup by his punch-filled six-rounder with Jerry Smith. Fritz appeared to have the edge but the official decision was a draw. Paulie Cook served up a lethal dose of right hand poison for featherweight Chris Gregory, who was willing to take all that the "Cook" could dish out but the Ref thought he had enough in the second.

Fran Porter continued on his winning ways at the expense of Jer Maloyen, Vancouver, B. C. Ralph Garrison K.O.'ed Vern Hollis in the second round of the curtain raiser.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

SPRINGFIELD SPORTS CLUB got off to a good start, Elmer (Violent) Ray stopping Art McAlpine in the ninth round of a fast heavyweight battle that featured. A crowd of around 4000 attended. The undercard consisted of four bouts, all of which went the distance. There was plenty of action.

Holyoke's Valley Arena will close for the summer. Holyoke will be without boxing until fall. Pittsfield, Mass., has opened a club with Joe DeMaria doing the matchmaking. In the first show, St. Paul won by a K.O. in the tenth round over Coolidge Miller.

William H. Lemay of the Milner Hotel, Springfield, Mass., is now booking Dolly King, 140 pounds; Red Cap Cooper, 145 pounds, and Kid Yocky at 165 pounds.

Walter McCormick is training Tommy Jessup, who now weighs around 140 pounds.

Bristol, Conn., will stage shows this summer. So will Thompsonville, Conn.

The Paramount Gym, though still at its old quarters, may have to move shortly.

Jack Howard of West Palm Beach, and O. H. Hart have returned to Springfield, Mass., to help Al Caroly with publicity.

Sam Silverman is putting on some great fights in Boston, Worcester, Fall River, and New Bedford, Mass. He is the busiest promoter in the business. He has four shows going regularly and every once in a while puts on one in Lawrence and Lowell.

Unattached fighters can get plenty of work up this way now. Get in touch with the writer at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass., and for good boxing news get THE RING Magazine, world-wide news of fights all over the entire globe.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

NINE shows were staged, eight under the Arena Coliseo's roof and one under the sky, in the El Toreo's Bull Ring, during the past month. The results were:

Coliseo—Aurelio Cruz, 132, won a decision over Tony Guadalajara, 132, in ten. Eduardo Serratos, 123, did not have to work much to defeat Kuko Ortiz, 121. He knocked him out in the first.

El Toreo Bull Ring—Tony Mar, 136, lightweight champion of Mexico, decisioned Kid Gavilan, 135, lightweight champion of Cuba, in ten rounds. In the semi-final, Leonardo Lopez, 121, outpointed Victor Flores, 126, in ten, to crown himself the feather king of Mexico. Chucho Ruiz, 137, won the decision over Lupe Gonzalez, 137, in ten.

Coliseo—Kid Filipino, 139, K.O.'ed Lefty Chilo, 140, in the second. Zarcillo Sanchez, 134, and Babe Maera, 129, fought to a draw in eight.

Coliseo—Luis Torres, 134, won a decision over Enrique Cardoso, 133, in ten. Antonio Aznar, 132, T.K.O.'ed Manuel Rivera, 127, in the ninth.

Coliseo—Villita de Juarez, 128, decisioned Eduardo Serratos, 124, in ten. Aztudillo Kid, 141, decisioned Young Coronel, 140, in ten.

Coliseo—Paulino Montes, 130, K.O. ed Felipe Trejo Luna, 128, in the eighth round of a ten-round event. Kuko Ortiz, 116, decisioned Luis Reyes, 112, in ten.

Coliseo—In one of the best welterweight fights ever witnessed here, Babe Zavala, 146, won a decision over Kid Filipino, 143, in ten. Up to the eighth round the fight was a draw, but in the ninth, Zavala knocked Filipino down for the count of nine, thereby winning the decision. Lalo Gallardo, 127, decisioned Chico Garces, 126, in ten.

Coliseo—Ernesto Aguilar, 126, bantamweight champion of Mexico, easily decisioned Villita de Juarez, 128, in ten. El Conscripto, 141, K.O.'ed Jack Lliyo, 140, a Cuban boy, in the third.

Coliseo—Saul Torres, 132, T.K.O.'ed Miguel Uribe, 134, in the last round of a ten-round fight. Babe Maera, 129, decisioned Antonio Aznar, 134, in eight.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

DANNY KAPILOW, Bronx welter belter, won a ten-round decision over Nunzio Ferraro, dead game Milwaukee lightweight, on Promoter Al Nettlow's inaugural card in Jacksonville, on May 17. Kapilow, at 146, enjoyed not only a big weight advantage in winning but also help from Referee Lou Ambers, a former lightweight champion of the world. No fighter ever made a greater impression on local fans than did Ferraro. Probably every fan in the Baseball Park was rooting for him.

In the semi-final, Steve Sloneski, 146, Savannah, took an eight-round decision over Larry Lynn, 147, of Tampa in the best fight of the night. The boys fought hard throughout and delighted the fans with plenty of socking. Steve, on the strength of a knockdown in the third and in staggering Lynn several times, still had a tough time with the Tampa boy. Two prelims ended in kayoes but produced their share of thrills before succumbing.

Young Jackie Blount, a Golden Gloves graduate of the Jacksonville *Journal* tournaments, displayed his best in knocking out Wally "Fag" Simmons, Savannah lightweight, in 52 seconds of the first round. Lightweight Blount looks the best prospect around these parts. Irish Kid Barry, St. Augustine favorite, returned to the ring to score a two-round knockout over Hank Roque, of Tampa. Each weighed 140. Roque was way ahead and was hooking Barry at will until the latter tagged him with a right on the whiskers and Hank was counted out.

Tough luck for Promoter Nettlow that such an excellent card drew only 1400 fans, for a gate of $2500.00, but steady rain throughout the week caused a slack in attendance which can be overlooked through this reason.

Promoter Nettlow is getting his top matches through Weill, but if Nettlow wants to succeed in Jacksonville he'd sure better do his own matchmaking.

At New Orleans—Mimmie Adragna, 123, Pittsburgh, beat Hank Okura, 127, in ten rounds . . . At Memphis—Chico Morales, 124, Tampa, beat Pete Mirabella, 135, in ten rounds . . . Marty Fuller, New York fight manager, would like to show his heavyweight Buddy Knox against Arturo Godoy, Buddy Scott, or any heavyweight Promoter Al Nettlow can get in Jacksonville . . . Joey Dunn (real name Marvin Cumbie) is back home in Jacksonville after a stay overseas where he captured several theater boxing championships. He plans to get back into stride before home towners . . . Harry Davies, of Miami, has a good welter prospect in Ralph Callutti.

In Tampa—One of the best fights Tampa fans witnessed was between Joey Raymond, who is in the midst of a successful comeback, and Bulldog Camagueyano in a ten-round lightweight match. The bout was a draw. Previously it was announced Joey had won, but things got straightened out later.

In the semi, Hank Roque, Tampa 137-pounder, put an end to Rocky Cedas, 138, in the third round after dropping him once before. Hank is one of the best youngsters in his weight and a pleasing type to see. Johnny Dupree, 160, was awarded the six-round decision over Pete Noreiga in another swell scrap. Ray Jackson, 147, kayoed Chris Cedas, 145, in the second round and Johnny Garcia, 130, decisioned Battling Oscar in a four-rounder.

At Waycross, Ga.—H. B. Brooks and C. H. Morgan gave local fight fans a great treat with an action packed card that met with their best approval. Jackie Brazil won a five-round T.K.O. over Joey Hagan in a sweet middleweight scrap. Brazil established himself as a great favorite there. Mickey Dunn and Jimmy Wright went six fast rounds that stole the show, with Dunn taking the nod in a roof-raising tussle. Both are featherweights. Joey Smith showed well with Billy Bennett and got a knockout win in the fourth round of a welterweight struggle. Tommy Peavie and Danny Brazil was at it hammer and tongs until Tommy planted his kayo wallop on Danny. They are welters also.

Al Sinibaldi, New England heavyweight, continues knocking out opponents. Al scored his fourth straight in handing Bob Buckley of Asheville, his sleep pills. Irish Jimmy Kelly was another of Sinibaldi's victims.

Another excellent prospect from Miami, is Eddie Boden, a light-heavy. He is managed by Eddie Thall, of the Magic City, and trained by Harry Davies.

In Tampa—Tommy Kiene, Savannah southpaw, beat Orlando Fernandez of Tampa, in a good ten-round tussle. Kiene scored the only knockdown in the fight, coming in the second. The judges gave it to Kiene by 2-1. The boys are featherweights.

Chili Cantero knocked out Billy Murphy of Miami, in the fifth round in the semi-deal. Charley Stokes kayoed Ray Dundee in the first round of their go and Bob Rodriguez got Johnny Genaro in the third. Ralph Hughes, Tampa middleweight, easily won over Sonny Houpe of St. Petersburg and Battling Oscar clowned his way to a win over Roy Jackson.

At Key West, Florida—Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa, made it two out of three in beating Ernest Nogues. It was a ten-round decision. Chico Morales, Tampa, continued his winning form by kayoing Roy Jackson in three. Georgie Rojo stopped Johnny Genaro in three, while Paul Bustamante got a four-round T.K.O. over Ray Dundee. In the four-round opener, Tony Rojo beat Kid Chavez.

Pete Andrew is no longer promoting around Tampa but will be the contact man for Bill Sallade of the 116th Field Artillery. The new arena will seat 6,000 when completed in several months.

Bill Long opened his boxing shows in Lakeland, May 20. In a double windup, Bob Rodriguez, 140, kayoed Baby Roland in the fourth round, and Paul Bustamante drew in eight with Battling Oscar.

Paul Ferguson, 143, had too much for Early Hamilton, 147, and came out with a five-round T.K.O. triumph over the latter at Greensboro, North Carolina. Ferguson had his man down a number of times before the referee called it enough. But Snyder, 137½, emerged the winner via the T.K.O. route over Johnny Davis, 142½, in the second. The loser hit the canvas several times and suffered a broken nose.

Hilburn Collins, 124, decisioned Bob Huggins, 126, in four rounds. Lewis Solomon, 147, lost by a T.K.O. to Paul Hughes, 148, in round two. Bob Dalton, 153, won by the same way over George Dixon, 154½, same round, and ditto for Buddy Bell, 158, over George Gantt, same weight.

At Charleston, S. C.—Jimmy Shepard, the Springfield, Illinois, fighter, who enjoyed fistic success while stationed at Parris Island, S. C., with the Marines, added Bobby Britton of Miami, to his list of wins. Shepard, now discharged, boxed his way to a ten-round victory and Bobby's middleweight championship of the South. The winner weighed 160, and the loser, 158½.

Tommy Gargano had to fight hard to take the decision from Steve Sloneski of Savannah, in the eight-round semi-spot. Both are middleweights. Harold Locklair, Charleston welter, defeated Billy Richards of St. Louis, in a four-rounder, and Billy Dyer, Savannah middleweight, added for his city in beating Lew Angelo. Kid Baggott of Aiken failed to put in an appearance in the ring against Johnny De Carlo, and was suspended by the Charleston County Boxing Commission.

Jackie Blount, Jacksonville's promising young featherweight, who tangles as a lightweight as well, scored his most convincing triumph by eking out a close win over Tampa's Baby Joe Diaz. The two headed another good fight card under the Buster White-Pinkie Lou Masters combine at Savannah, Georgia. Blount scored the only knockdown in the fight, it came in the sixth round, and that probably caught the judges' eyes. It was a right hook to the jaw. Diaz tried to turn the tide in the eighth round, but petered out.

In a battle that any fight fan would gladly pay double the price of a ringside seat, Savannah's Billy Dyer scored a T.K.O. over Red Douglas of Greenville, S. C., in the sixth heat. The boys fought tooth and nail until the referee halted the scrap, with Douglas arising hopelessly after the second down of the fight. They are middleweights. Jimmy Martin of Atlanta decisioned Sammy Reid of Greenville, in another sixer, and another good fight it was.

Referee Joe Magee used very good judgment in stopping the Hal Meredith-Bob Rodriquez welterweight schedule, and disqualifying the latter, a Tampa boy, for not trying. Meredith was awarded the bout in the second. Rodriguez hit the deck six times in the first heat and three times in the second, mostly from not being hit.

Carlisle Thompson, Anderson, S. C., heavyweight, put the sleep producer on Bill Rinehardt of Fort Mill, in the third round at Charlotte. In the semi, Kayo Garvin stowed Johnny Dawn in the sixth of another heavy dish. Guy Brown kayoed Kid Gore in the third of the middleweight go. Snooks Howard won over Lester O'Brien, and Gene Carlisle beat Ted McFalls in the opening bout.

IN CHICAGO

With GENE ENGEL

TONY MUSTO, heavyweight, couldn't shake off a first round assault administered at the hands of Bill Petersen, who repeated the dosage in round two—with the result the referee had to intervene in order to prevent Musto from receiving any serious damage.

In the semi-windup, Isadore Miner, heavy-fisted Negro 150-pounder, sparred with Tony James, then zoomed over a terrific right-hand clout that caught spindle-leg James behind the ear, dropping him for the ten-count.

In a special five-round attraction, Gene Joyce, younger brother of both Willie and Jimmy, engaged in his pro debut and won convincingly from Tiger Weems.

Bud Kelly, Cincinnati Irish welter, belted out Clarence Thurman in the opening stanza.

George Feltes, Milwaukee middleweight, and Sammy Williams went four rounds to a standstill. In the opener, Art Andrews, Gary lightweight, outscored Charley Baxter, Cincinnati lightweight, in four.

O'Dell Reilly, Detroit Negro, 198, fought Howard (Stormy) Williams, Detroit, 219½. Reilly handed out a body-beating that set Williams up for the final analysis.

In the semi-attraction, Louis Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, was the recipient of the coup de grace by Robert Solomito of Puerto Rico, in 27 seconds of the fourth.

Torpedo Reed, after losing to Roy Cadle, came back to the squared circle to combat Lynch Travis, whom he won over handily.

Butch Maxwell, Gary, Ind., lightweight, drew with the highly-praised youngster, Willard Coffey in six.

Pete Jackson halted Ernie Stevenson in one and Joe Buford stopped Bobby Moore in the second.

Booker Beckwith, once highly touted Gary, Indiana, light-heavyweight, who now fights as a legitimate heavyweight, removed the blight on his after-service comeback when he K.O.'ed in five, Willie Barrows, Detroit heavyweight, who had beaten him in their previous engagement.

Johnny Barbara, another pre-war battler, who is now a legitimate middleweight, won a six-round brawl from Johnny Crane.

Henry Jones stopped Robert Solomito in two. Willard Coffey K.O.'ed Bob Williams in one, and Georgie Adams stiffened Tom Mitchell in one.

Fritzie Zivic lost a ten-round decision to Tommy Lemmon.

Robert Fowler, Chicago Southside Negro welterweight, lost to George Feltes of Milwaukee, in a six-rounder.

Leo Rodak, veteran Chicago lightweight campaigner, ventured over to Detroit, where he opposed Bobby McIntire, of the "Motor City," and won in ten rounds. His second win over McIntire.

William Johnson, South Side middleweight, who was (twice) knocked out by Collins Brown, redeemed himself by knocking out Collins in the second round of the first outdoor ring affair presented by the Marigold Gardens organization. Johnson dropped Brown to the canvas twice before finishing him for keeps.

Buddy O'Dell, Blue Island 162-pounder, knocked out Oscar Hamp, of Gary, Indiana, in the third. This is his seventh straight victory.

In the prelims Jimmy Pryor, 143 pounds, from Gary, K.O.'ed Joey Richards in one. Jimmy Mancuso, Milwaukee junior welterweight, beat Louis Smith, Waukegan, Ill., in four. Robert Weatherly, Chicago welterweight, defeated Isadore Miner in a rousing five-rounder.

John Hubbard, Milwaukee heavyweight, came from behind to gain a split verdict over Big Bill Petersen, of Indiana Harbor, Ind., in eight.

In the semi-windup Otis McGraw, Detroit middleweight, beat LeRoy Scales, Negro Chicagoan, in a six-round contest.

Jack Balangee, discharged Marine war veteran, vs. Sammy Williams, Chicago welterweight. Balangee recovered from a three-count knockdown in the second to halt Williams in 1:48 of the same round.

Harold Alle, St. Paul 148-pounder, stopped Caesar Douglas, ex-City Golden Gloves winner, in the second, and Roy Lewis defeated Teddy Weems, Chicago lightweight, in four rounds.

Joey Pirrone, Cleveland, Ohio, lightweight, won a ten-round decision over Georgie Hansford of Los Angeles, Calif., before 1700 fans, who paid $3425. Pirrone was down for nine in the first round.

Georgie Adams, Chicago Negro, 125, stole the show with his two-fisted punch-fest against Ernie Hoffman. Adams stopped Ernie in the sixth.

Willie Moore, South Side Negro boxing stylist, won from Paul Rudd, a newcomer in the light-heavyweight division.

Lynch Travis subbing for Torpedo Reed stopped Jordan in three rounds.

James Anderson, Johnny Coulon's protege, knocked out Robert Solomito, in two frames. They are heavies.

Otis McGraw, Detroit middleweight, and Forest Gee, Negro from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, punched freely, for eight rounds to a draw.

Ted Christie, New York, employed all of his boxing skill in order to outpoint the aggressive and sharp punching Georgie Adams in the six-round semi-windup.

In four-rounders: Harold Alle and Elverse Tonnsell drew. Tiger Weems defeated Joey Richards. Bob Weatherly triumphed over Bill Patrick.

Jackie Cooper dealt out a sound thrashing to Johnny Roszina, tough Milwaukeean, in the eight-round main event—Cooper's educated left-hand was too much for Roszina.

In the supporting matches Tiny Robinson, Chicago 230-pounder, survived a knockdown to knock out Dave Ashley of Cincinnati, in the third.

Jimmy Mancuso, Milwaukee junior welterweight, beat Louis Smith, Waukegan, Ill. Bernard Paige, former Golden Gloves lightweight champion, conquered Teddy Weems in four rounds.

In a special five-rounder, Art Andrews, Gary 135-pounder, won handily over Cappy Benton, Cincinnati lightweight.

Attention fighters: I'm interested in experienced fighters. Those who are interested contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street. In your letter enclose a fight photo, your complete won and lost record, and newspaper clippings.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

THE first Friday night boxing show held since pre-war days drew a crowd of 4,200 cash customers and grossed $6,197.65. The Leo Leavitt smoker, held at the Civic Auditorium, proved that fans will turn out for fights even on week nights provided the show is attractive enough.

In the eight-round main event Yasu Yasutake, 129⅞, met Henry Davis, 125⅞, and got a draw although he clearly outpunched his less experienced rival in six out of the eight heats.

This is the second time in less than three months that Yasu has been involved in an unpopular decision, the previous time being his fight with David Young. Judging from the booing after both fights it is certain that the fans will not keep on tolerating such bad decisions. In the Yasu-Davis fight the referee voted the fight a draw, giving both fighters 42 points. One of the judges gave Yasu a 44-37 advantage, while the other gave Yasu a one-point lead of 43 to 42. Despite this the fight was ruled a draw.

Other results: Promising Eddie Reyes, 118, pounded out a win over Tiger Rosa, 116⅝, in five rounds. Veteran Eddie Salazar, 132⅝, nearing the end of his career, was lucky to get a draw from Slim Suzuki, 130, four rounds. Eddie Mara, 144½, won over Joe Park, 139½, four rounds. Chet Vinci, 146¼, knocked out Jimmy Sweatt, 143⅞, in the second of a four heater. Ankie Hoshijo, 128, beat Welcome Javellana, 127½, in the four-round opener.

An unexpected large crowd of nearly 11,000 customers paid $26,529 to watch the ten-round main event between David Kui Kong Young and Tony Olivera, two of the world's top-ranking bantamweights.

The tiff at the Honolulu Stadium for the Shrine benefit turned into one of the bloodiest brawls ever witnessed in the Islands. Both fighters suffered eye cuts, David Young in the fourth round and Tony Olivera in the eighth, and both were bleeding profusely when the fight ended. The verdict was unanimous, the two judges and referee voted in favor of Young, but quite a number of fans including this reporter thought otherwise. The least the California Portuguese should have received was a draw.

What might have influenced the referee and judges in favor of Young was the one real knockdown of the fight suffered by Tony Olivera. It happened in the second when Young exploded his famous left flush on Tony's jaw. This was the hardest blow landed in the fight and it sent Tony sprawling to the floor. However, he was up at the count of eight and finished the round strong.

The California fighter went down three or four other times during the fight from slips or from being shoved to the canvas but these falls could not be counted against him.

Olivera fought his best at close quarters and during most of the rounds after the third was outpunching Young at the rate of better than three to one. Olivera finished the stronger of the two. Tony weighed 120 for this fight while Young's weight was announced at 117¼.

In other bouts, Gene Ronstadt, 145, California fighter, making his debut here, won convincingly over Willard Hauseman, 143, in the six round semi-windup.

Bill Vasas, 186½, put away Verne Dawson, 187½, in one minute and 30 seconds of the first of a four-heater. Tommy Umeda, 128, chilled Little Hufano, 134, in the first round of a slated four. Shangy Tsukano, 147, knocked out Clarence Garrett, 147, also in the first round of a scheduled four.

The professional boxing show promoted by Leo Leavitt at the civic auditorium will go down in the record as one of the shortest fight cards ever presented here. Three of the five bouts, including the eight-round Flashy Sebastian-Llewellyn Strohlin main event and the six-round Marciel Baptiste-Johnny Perry semi-final, ended in knockouts. The show started at 7:30 and the fans were leaving by 8:30 p.m.

In the main event, Flashy Sebastian, 149, displaying all his old time speed and punch, had no trouble in putting away veteran Llewellyn Strohlin, 148¼, in two minutes and 55 seconds of the very first round. Sebastian had Strohlin in trouble from the very start when he landed two sharp rights which staggered Strohlin. However, in his eagerness to apply the finisher, Sebastian missed badly giving Strohlin sufficient time to recover his senses. It appeared as if Sebastian had missed the boat but a few seconds later he found an opening to shoot in two more rights which again made Strohlin groggy. This time he followed up nicely and ended the fight with another straight right.

The sensational Marciel Baptiste, 127, added another kayo victim to his list of wins, by putting away Johnny Perry, 123⅞, in two minutes and 12 seconds of the first of a six heater. Baptiste floored Perry with the very first punch, a short left to the kisser. Perry was up without a count but he was hurt and never recovered fully from the blow. He went down two more times for an eight and nine count before being counted out.

The biggest surprise of the evening came about when underdog Eddie Silva, 130½, fighting for the first time in months, knocked out Eddie Salazar, 133⅛, in the second round of a scheduled four. Other results: Ken Monar, 134⅞, decisioned Herbert Pereira, 139, in four rounds. Philip Labang, 119⅜, won over Alvin Muratin, 123¼, in four rounds.

The fight drew 3,717 customers who paid $5,696.25.

The post-war boom in wrestling and boxing in Honolulu is a phenomenon to marvel at. The weekly wrestling shows at the Civic Auditorium, usually held on Sunday nights, always draw capacity houses and there seems no likelihood of a letdown.

On three successive Sunday nights the crowd turned out in such large numbers that thousands had to be turned away. Despite the boom, Promoter Al Karasick is not letting any grass grow under his feet. In keeping with his policy of giving fans a run for their money he has been bringing here some of the outstanding wrestlers in the United States, including such stars as Lee Grable, Bobby Nelson, Billy Venable, Sammy Cohen, Fred Marco and Stan Skieski.

The outstanding wrestling event of the month was the Scarlet Pimpernel-Jimmy Gonsalves title match for THE RING Magazine belt and the Hawaiian title. The Scarlet Pimpernel, unpinned and unmasked in more than fifteen bouts, finally realized one of his reasons for coming here by beating Gonsalves for the title.

The arrival of Tex Porter, who claims to be the roughest wrestler on two legs, should make things interesting for the toughies here. "Give me the roughest and toughest wrestlers you have here," he told the promoter, "and I'll tame them all."

Look for the arrival of two more topflight grapplers, Johnny Stiles and Elmer Davis, here before long.

Ben Pilar, Filipino grappler who formerly held the junior light-heavyweight title of Hawaii, is now campaigning in coast rings.

Harry Dellis, who has developed from a tyro to a polished performer in a short time, is also headed coastwise. Harry is still in his twenties and there's no telling how far he'll go.

Boxing—Honolulu's two boxing promoters, Leo Leavitt and the more recently licensed Al Schaff, are also depending on stateside fighters to round out their smokers. Al Schaff has already brought Tony Olivera to these shores and the venture was such a profitable one for both boxer and promoter that Honolulu fans can look forward to seeing more mainland fighters soon.

The most recent smoker held at the Auditorum on May 31st, saw Richie Shinn, a Leo Leavitt importation, beat veteran Adolph Samuels in a one-sided six-round scrap. The only knockdown of the fight was registered in the third when Shinn connected with a straight right to Samuels' chin for a nine count. Richie Shinn scaled 133, and Samuels came in at 127.

Other results: In the semi-final event Chet Vinci, 147⅛, repeated a win over Joe Medrano, 147⅛, in five rounds.

Ankie Hoshijo surprised everyone by knocking out Eddie Reyes in the third of a five-heater. Eddie had beaten Hoshijo twice previously. They are featherweights.

Eddie Salazar lost to Richard Asato in a lightweight four-round mix.

Ken Monar, 136¼, decisioned Herbert Pereira, 139½, in the four-round opener.

The fight drew 4068 customers and grossed $6,360.50.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

WILLIE PEP and Joey Angelo set a new money record for Rhode Island. The Arena A. C. grossed close to $15,000 on this popular attraction.

Freddie (Red) Cochrane visited Providence, to handle Billy Carroll in his bout with Charles (Cabey) Lewis.

Red Moon popular wrestling referee recently discharged from the Navy, handled the All-American—All-British Championship Matches in London, England.

Eddie Richmond, hard-hitting junior welter, remains unbeaten. His latest victim was Tony Arujo.

Ernie Forte was impressive in his victory over Al Costa. Forte's next start will be at Brave's Field in Boston, against a top notcher.

Jimmy Nelson, good going lightheavy, is now managed by Tommy Rotelli and Obie O'Brien. Nelson scored an easy victory over Tuffy Reed.

Pat (Red) Eagan, former amateur champ, has scored three pro victories.

Abe Denner, former New England featherweight champion, has returned to the boxing game as a trainer and second. Denner saw service in Europe with the Army.

Results of the month:

Joey Angelo, 133½, Providence, won over Charles (Cabey) Lewis, 130¾, New York, in a main ten-round bout. A crowd of 4076 paid a gross gate of $9169.

George Humes, 156, Hartford, stopped Johnny DeCiantis, 163½, Providence, in the fifth.

Bobby Quinn, 140, Taunton, won a decision over Jimmy McLarnin, 137½, in a six-rounder.

Eddie Richmond, 143¾, Providence, stopped Tony Carney, 137¾, New Bedford, in the second.

Ernie Forte, Providence, won a decision over Al Costa, Woonsocket, in a main ten-round bout. A crowd of 1653 paid a gross gate of $3620.

Gene Farland, 160½, Providence, stopped Ray Ladd, 169, Portland, in the third.

Walter Gomes, 142, New Bedford, won an unpopular split decision over Lee Britto, 145½, East Providence, in a six-rounder.

Kenny Bruce, 125, Woonsocket, T.K.O.'ed Ralph Trudeau, 118, Cambridge, in the first.

Tony Arujo, 143¾, Providence, stopped Bobby Fuller, 139, Boston, in the second.

Willie Pep, Hartford, won a decision over Joey Angelo, Providence, in a main ten-round bout. A crowd of 4675 paid a gross gate of $14,778.

Johnny Woods, 140½, Boston, T.K.O.'ed Harry Gentile, 141, Hartford, in the fifth.

Gus Edwards, 142½, Boston, stopped Jimmy McLarnin, in the first.

Ray Morgan, 154¾, Hartford, won a decision over Al Pinel, 157½, in a six-rounder.

Tony Medrano, 129, Hartford, T.K.O.'ed Morris Kapp, 133, Providence, in the third.

Ray Imondi, 161¾, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Artie Lyons, 158, West Warwick, in the third.

Gene Farland, 159, Cranston, scored a victory over Jimmy Mulligan, 167½, Lowell, in a ten-rounder. A crowd of 678 paid the gross gate of $1294.

Jackie Weber, Pawtucket lightweight, won a decision over Henry Scott, Boston, in an eight-rounder.

Martin Taber, 126¼, West Nanticoke, Pa., K.O.'ed Jackie Gomes, 148¼, Providence, in the first.

Tony Arujo, 142, Providence, stopped Freddie Farr, 144, Boston, in the second.

Ralph Zannelli, 146¼, Providence, won over Pat Giordano, 152¼, Toronto, in a main ten-rounder. A crowd of 2686 paid a gross gate of $5781.

Jimmy Sauer, Cambridge, was booked to fight Whelan Douglas, New York, but did not appear.

Lindy Nocella, Cambridge, won over Johnny DeCiantis, Providence, in a six-rounder.

Bobby Quinn, 149¾, Taunton, stopped Leon Jackson, 137, Cambridge, in the second.

Al Pinel, 157, New Bedford, T.K.O.'ed Jim Harvey, 158, Boston, in the third.

Red Eagan, 130, West Warwick, won over Joe Martin, 123, Plymouth, in a four-rounder.

Jimmy Nelson, 171, Providence, won a decision over Tuffy Reed, 170, Trenton, N. J., in a main ten-rounder; 617 customers paid a gross gate of $1243.

Pete Louthis, Cumberland heavyweight, defeated Johnny Martin, Rockport, Mass., in an eight-round semi-final.

Henry Scott, 141, Cincinnati, T.K.O.'ed Oscar St. Pierre, 140, Fall River, in the second.

Eddie Richmond, 142¾, Providence, won a decision over Tony Arujo, 141¼, Providence, in a six-rounder.

Charles (Cabey) Lewis, 131, New York, stopped Billy Carroll, 126, Quebec, in the third of a main ten-rounder. A crowd of 1337 paid a gross gate of $2757.

Gene Buffalo, 155¾, New York, knocked out George Humes, 154, Hartford, in the second.

Ernie Guisti, 140, West Warwick, stopped Enrique Rodea, 140¼, New York, in the fifth.

Johnny Priest, 140, Cambridge, won a decision over Bobby Quinn, 142¼, Taunton, in a six-rounder.

Pat Eagan, 129½, West Warwick, T.K.O.'ed Tony Carney, 132¾, New Bedford, in the first.

Jack (Spider) Armstrong, 129½, T.K.O.'ed Tony Costa, 129¼, Woonsocket, in the second of a main ten-rounder. The gross gate was $3044.

Eddie Soares, 157, Providence, knocked out Clinton (Brown Bomber) Perry, 163¾, New Bedford, in the fifth of an eight-rounder.

Martin Taber, East Providence, T.K.O.'ed Chick Jackson, Manchester, N. H., in the eighth of an eight-rounder.

Kenny Bruce, 127¾, Woonsocket, won a decision over Doc Blanchard, 126, Cambridge, in a four-rounder.

Pete Noka, 136, Brockton, won a decision over Jackie Pennington, 137, U.S. Navy, in a four-rounder.

Floriant Desmarais of Manchester, N. H., won the New England lightweight title.

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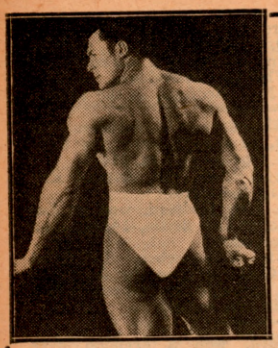

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

IN ONE of the most thrilling big-man fights staged here in many a year Joe Matisi, poison-puncher from Binghamton, N. Y., knocked out Buffalo's Joe Muscato in the seventh.

After a vicious exchange of punches in the third, Muscato was hit on the jaw and down he went for a nine-count. Getting to his feet Sergt. Joe battled gamely and although he was sent to the canvas twice more by terrific body punches, he was not getting any the worst of it until the dramatic seventh when Matisi got over his lethal wallop. Muscato went down and out.

Another great little puncher is Talmadge Bussey, 135, Detroit. The fast little Negro knocked out Jimmie Winters, 140½, of Buffalo, in the first.

Frankie Best, 169½, Fredonia, outpointed Irish Jimmy Mulligan, 168, of Lowell, Mass., six; Bobby Dare, 169, Buffalo, stopped Johnny Sudor, 173, third.

Joe Pieniazek, Bert Finch's good little puncher, whipped Fred Zazo, 142, in the four-round opener.

They don't make 'em any gamer than young Walter Kolby. The youngster, just out of the Navy, took on the tough and experienced Whistling Willie Roache of Wilmington, Delaware, and beat the Whistler in a smashing, two-fisted bout. After being knocked down in the second round Kolby took a count of four, got up and believing in the aphorism that a great offense is the best defense, Walter threw caution to the wind and punched out the round and the fight. Kolby deserved the decision, which was unanimous.

Henry Brimm, clever Negro middleweight, showed very good form in his ten-round setto with Andre (Indian) Gomez of Havana, Cuba. Henry, who weighed 158½, to Gomez's 160, was out in front in most rounds although Gomez put up a dandy fight.

In other matches Prentiss Hall, 169, Buffalo, knocked out Ross Baxter, New Castle, Pa., in the first round. Baxter, who weighed 165, got hit on the ear and couldn't shake off the blow.

Cyclone Williams, St. Louis, 198½, knocked out a fat-man, Billy Burke, 216½, third round.

Lou Scozza was the referee. The judges were Ed Schellerman and Willie De James. Ike Klipfel was timer.

With the completion of work on the Fairview A. C. gym and the dolling up of Jack Singer's big training quarters, Buffalo now has four gyms, to wit: The Fairview Club's, Singer's, Sam Mineo's and Mickey McInerney's in the Morgan Baths.

Marshall Miles, a Buffalo man, has planned to work on a mammoth boxing show to raise some money for the family of Dave Mason, Cleveland Negro boxer, who was killed in the ring here after taking a pounding from Joe Matisi.

IN WRESTLING CIRCLES . . . The Great Lakes A. C. continues to pack the house each and every week. Some of the topnotch wrestlers appearing in these shows are Dean Detton, Frank Sexton, Bill Hansen, Billy Watson, Brother Jonathan and others. . . . George Temple, brother of the movie star, Shirley Temple, was slated to show here but an injury caused a postponement.

FISTIC DOPE . . . Charlie Pinto is turning in a good job as matchmaker for the Fairview Club. . . . The big gates attracted for Joe Matisi-Joe Muscato and Phil Muscato vs. Joe Maxim augurs well for Buffalo boxing. . . . Bert Finch has taken over the management of Young Saunders, a good lightweight. . . . Junior Singer is now managing Jack Singer's gym, which keeps the young fellow very busy.

Young heavyweights, light-heavies and middleweights who can punch and want to make some real money should write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. Those writing should be free from managerial contracts and alignments.

IN BRITISH GUIANA
By COMPTON SANTOS

LEN HOUSTON successfully defended his welterweight title, against Black Dynamite, by scoring a five-round K. O. At 142, the non-explosive Dynamite had a one-pound advantage.

The six-round semi-final scrap had Frank Saul, 140, boxing beautifully to gain an easy decision over the experienced Alvin Joe, 141.

Suffering from a deep gash over his right eye, Duncan Blair was forced to retire in the first round of his lightweight scuffle with Young Dynamite.

The roughest tilt of the card was the bantamweight slugfest between Joe Bradford and Al Blackett, which ended in a draw.

A very small crowd at the Olympic Stadium, Georgetown, witnessed the supposed elimination welterweight contest between two of the top ranking boys, Harry Payne, 148, and Young Zivic, 146, but the contest ended in a draw.

Al Davis, 154, showed marked signs of improvement by pounding out a six-round duke over Bullet Miggins, 147.

Another very pleasing encounter was witnessed between Hurricane Kid and Joe Bradford, with the former winning every one of the four heats. The Kid weighed 119, one pound more than his foe.

At Skeldon, Corentyne, a very large crowd packed the Estate grounds to witness the return engagement of ten rounds between Kid Permaul and Young Tommy Farr. The Kid was blasted out of the picture in one minute, thirty-five seconds of round one. Permaul, who won their first meeting by a decision, tipped the beam at 142½, spotting the winner four pounds.

Young Billy Conn and Kid Nightingale fought evenly all through their six-rounder to a draw. Conn, at 135, was one pound heavier.

The four-round preliminary saw Maxie Morgan gaining a decisive victory over Young Ants. Both boys came in at 114.

Young Gibbs and Young Firpo fought a flashy ten-round mill. Gibbs gained the decision in this bout, which he earned by a very narrow margin. Firpo, at 146, conceded two pounds to his conqueror.

Harry Payne proved himself the number one contender for the welterweight crown by taking into camp the highly touted middleweight, Al Davis. Payne came in as a last minute substitute for Bob Glasgow, and spotted his opponent 19 pounds but won convincingly in six. The weights were: Payne 146, Davis 165.

Duncan Blair and Joe Burnett each at 137, battled to a four-round draw. In the opener, Joe Bradford was awarded a very unpopular decision over Mohamed Haniff after four rounds of good fighting. Both boys at the same weight, 119.

From Barbados comes word of two British Guiana victories from a pair of hometowners, Young Joe Louis scoring a four-round K. O. over Tiger Flowers in a middleweight clash, and Joe Ralph whipping Lightfoot Kid in a lightweight tussle.

Young Tanner removed the only obstacle on his road to a shot at the West Indian title when he decisively defeated Trinidad's Fighting Bailey, in the feature ten-round event at the Mucurapo Stadium, Trinidad. Tanner was the aggressor all the way and his speed was too much for his adversary. The decision was unanimous. The weights were Bailey, 137½, to 135 for Tanner.

On the same card another British Guiana champion gained a decisive victory when Young Abrigo, 118, copped the six-rounder from Trinidad's Tiny Jules, despite a second-round knockdown.

The other ten-rounder on the card saw cagey Jimpy Edward stage a successful comeback by easily defeating Barthelmey Serge. The Guadeloupe middleweight champ was completely out of the picture in every round. Jimpy tipped the beam at 158½, two and a half pounds more than Serge.

The remaining bout, a scheduled four-rounder between Cipriani Cox, 136, and John Seebalack, 138½, ended in the very first session, with Cox the winner by a T.K.O.

Venezuela's classy, hard-punching middleweight idol, Jota Jota Fernandez, chalked up another great victory in Trinidad by whipping the ace Jamaican, Lefty Flynn. Jota fought an impressive bout and was winner by a safe margin. He weighed 155 to Flynn's 153.

The scheduled eight-round semi-final between Al Tunney, 138½, and Emile Chang of Jamaica, was not up to standard and was stopped in the sixth frame, Chang being disqualified after timely warnings for low punching.

Mack Mitchell, 139, brought down the curtain on Fighting Clouden, 141, in the second of a scheduled six-rounder, winning by a T.K.O.

Gentle Daniel again proved his superiority over West Indian lightheavies by hammering out a ten-round decision over Carlos Perez, Central America's current lightheavyweight champion. The decision was unanimous.

The eight-round semi-final was as fast a bout as any pair of boxers could manage. It brought together the Island's bantam champ Don Gibbons, and Clyde "Baby Face" Daniel, in a non-title scrap, and luckily so for the champ, for "Baby Face" came back from an early knockdown to batter the Don, dusting him four times in the sixth session and romping off with a well-earned decision.

In a heavyweight go Bob Lincoln, 180, made short work of Oswald Byer, 176, socking him into dreamland in the third.

Jota Fernandez kept up his winning streak by taking the measure of Cuba's top middleweight, Rene Sanchez, over ten action-packed rounds, at the Mucurapo Stadium, Trinidad, before a capacity crowd. Fernandez carried away the fight with a terrific onslaught in the final session when he all but put away the Cuban. At 164, Sanchez had a weight advantage of six and a half pounds.

It was a night of glory for the Venezuelans, for in the semi-final eight-round fray, Kid Avendano, 140, walked off with the decision from Lawrence Assam. It was a slugfest with the more experienced Kid gaining the advantage throughout.

Francisco Gonsalves thrashed "Coco Kid" Gilkes, he sent the kid to the canvas in the fourth session for a nine count and had no trouble gaining the duke.

To windup the card, Mack Mitchell took the play away from Jabber Romney in a six-round welterweight bout.

In Caracas, Venezuela, Luis Monagas, 142, came through with a unanimous decision over highly rated Alberto Diaz, 136, of Caracas.

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CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

HAROLD GREEN, 152½, Brooklyn, defeated Sammy Secreet, 150, McDonald, Pa., in ten rounds. After a fairly even first half, Green took complete command and continued to increase his margin as the fight progressed. Only because both boys were in excellent condition, were they able to keep up the terrific pace for ten straight rounds.

Charley Padalino, 161, Detroit, knocked out Irish Johnny Smith, 162, Boston, second.

Paul Carbetta, 123, Mansfield, stopped Buddy Smallwood, 127, Akron, in the fourth. Smallwood started well but a beautiful right just before the bell floored him in the first. Buddy also fought well in the second but tired in the third, when Carbetta went to work in earnest. In the fourth, Carbetta hurt and staggered Smallwood repeatedly. The referee stopped the contest when Smallwood started to bleed severely from the nose.

Al Diaz, 148, Mexico, came from behind to outpoint Billy Stemler, 155, Windsor, Ont., in six rounds.

Eddy Perry, 140, Detroit, shaded Johnny Chatman, 143, Buffalo, in six rounds.

Jules Woods, 154, Buffalo, decisioned Marty Ferro, 148, Detroit, four rounds.

A main-go that figured to be all action and turned out to be just that, was the Artie Levine-Charley Padalino bout. Levine won the first round and scored two knockdowns in the second. It was after the second knockdown that Padalino did his most effective work staggering and hurting Levine before the round was over. In the third both Levine and Padalino went out for a K. O. A bad cut on Padalino's lip caused Referee Jackie Davis to stop the bout.

Jimmy McDonough, 147, Brooklyn, halted Al Diaz, 146, Mexico City, T.K.O. in fifth.

Mike Berskovich, 155, Niles, decisioned Allen Rogers, 160, Detroit, in eight fast rounds.

Frankie Abrams beat George Toy in six.

Al Ellis, 116, Detroit, beat Ross Sanchez, 120, Puerto Rico, in a four-rounder and Luther Burgess, 131, Detroit, looked great K.O.'ing Joe Salcone, 133, in the first.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By MARK FANNON

BOSTON GARDEN — Joe Blackwood, 162, Negro warrior of Paterson, N. J., whipped Joey LaMotta, 157½, Bronx, brother of Jake, in a ten-round fracas.

Blackwood had battled Joey to a draw the last time here and the decision had been none too popular. The Bronx lad was way behind this time and was lucky to last the distance, having absorbed a stream of leather in most of the rounds.

Larry Pacino, 162, Roxbury, the little man with the big sock, made Buddy Rose, 166, Fort Thomas, Ky., his sixth straight K.O. victim when he stopped the southerner in the sixth.

Joe Reddick, 160½, Paterson, N. J., decisioned Johnny Walker, 158½, Philadelphia, in ten rounds.

Harry Hurst, 145, Montreal, stopped Chico Barrado, 141, Mexico, in the fourth.

Lewiston, Me.—Bob Pooler, 137½, Portland, and Harry Hitlian, 137, Worcester, fought to an eight-round draw.

Worcester (Auditorium)—Willie Roache, 130, Wilmington, Del., stopped Joey Izzo, 135, Hartford, in the eighth canto.

Mechanics Building, Boston—"Mad Anthony" Jones, 166, Champaign, Ill., colorful Negro lad, had a merry time punching Lenny Wadsworth, 161, Winnipeg, Man., around until the referee stopped the monotonous affair in the fourth.

Anthony dropped Wadsworth in the first for an eight count, then hit the tough Canadian from every angle before the referee stopped the fight. Wadsworth did little but take them, stumbling around like a human punching bag.

Jackie Callura, 129½, Hamilton, Ont., former N.B.A. featherweight champion, was awarded the fight over tough Jackie Harris, 128½, Malden. Jackie had to stop because of a cut eye. The cut had been opened in the early rounds by the hard-hitting Canadian, who, by the way, is also a comedian.

Honey Mellody, 140½, veteran of Charlestown, had an easy win for his comeback when the referee refused to allow Joe Celetti, 137, Providence, to come out for the second. Mellody looked a bit aged with his lack of hair, but appeared faster than on his last comeback.

Floriant Desmarais, 136, Manchester, N. H., evened the score with Benny Delgado, 141, Providence, by taking the 10-round nod. Delgado didn't do any jabbing as he did the last time and seemed weak in the punch department.

Salem—Frank Conti, 140, Haverhill, recently discharged from the Navy, a contender for the N.E. lightweight title, out-fought Frankie Feener, 144, Randolph, ex-Marine, over the ten-round route.

Charley Celeste, 128½, East Boston, kayoed Manny Barrows, 130, Roxbury (2).

Sanford, Me.—Mickey Burke, 170, Manchester, N. H., put away Tony Vitali, 173, Lowell, Mass. (2). Al Poltack, Manchester, N. H., stopped Young Tanguay, 148, Biddeford (2).

Manchester, N. H.—Buddy Hayes, N.E. featherweight champion, was hard-pressed to win over tough Santiago Riviera, Mexico City, in a fine battle held at Bedford Grove.

Steve Bellus, Toronto lightweight, kayoed Johnny Bartilino, Boston, in four. Oliver Desmarais, featherweight, stopped Chuck Williams (5).

Bangor, Me.—Bob Nash, 152, Philadelphia, won by disqualification over Bob Rynne, 155, Lowell, Mass. . . . Referee Charley Miller stopped the fight when Rynne's seconds stepped into the ring claiming their boy was hit while still on the canvas.

Freddy "Red" Luce, 150, Boston, stopped Dick Villeneuve, 150, Berlin, N. H. (5).

Fall River—Art Foster, 138, Buffalo, outfought Charlie Smith, 140, Newark, N. J. (10). Ceferino Bronco, 143, Fall River, stopped Pat Doyle, 140, Fall River (6).

Boston Arena—Dave Andrews, 140, Lowell, scored his best victory to date, when he knocked out Johnny Cesario, 141, classy North Ender, in three rounds.

Cesario, who had lost but one match in 42—that to Gus Mell, was stopped by Andrews, who had lost a close decision to Cesario three weeks previous.

Dave, behind in the first two frames, rushed out of his corner in the third and dropped Cesario with a right to the jaw—staggering up at nine, really out. Dave swarmed all over his foe and draped him over the lower rope. He tried to pull himself up at nine but the referee stopped the affair.

Georgie Martin, 157½, Boston, back after a successful invasion of Southern rings, made his first appearance in this section by beating Billy Furrone, 147, Philadelphia, by decision over the ten-round route.

Nick Stato, tough Greek battler of Springfield, who has one of the best records in New England for a 130-pounder, won a close decision over clever Steve Curley, 130½, Toronto, in ten rounds. Stato's record this year showed no defeats including this bout but he later boxed a draw with Joey Carkido in six in the New York Garden.

Tony Falco, 143½, Hartford, knocked out Gus Edwards, 142½, Boston, in four frames. Bernie Cummings, 173, Boston, stopped Ray Ladd, 167, Boston, in the first round.

Brunswick, Me.—Al Michaud, 145, Lewiston, reversed a former loss by disposing of Bob Pooler, 140, Portland, in round one.

Worcester—Bill Tordiglione, 147, Boston, free punching Boston lad, kept up his practice of scoring kayoes at this club by halting Johnny Riggio, 143, Trenton, N. J., in two cantos. Pete Louthis, 189, Cumberland, R. I., who has fought with success in the Pacific Theatre while in the service, continued on the winning side by stopping Al Carp, 188, Fall River, in three. Tony Ferry, 130, Fall River, outpointed Bill Hadley, 130, Norton (6).

Lewiston, Me.—Al Michaud, 152, active battler of Lisbon, Me., won the eight-round nod over Ted Drew, 150½, Lewiston (8).

Worcester (Auditorium)—Corky Davis, 135½, popular local boy, stopped Ernie Cabral, 138½, New Haven, in the sixth. There are two clubs working here at the present time.

Salem—Bobby English, 130, Fall River, gave the North Shore fans a surprise by holding Tommy Greb, 133½, Boston, to a draw in ten fast rounds. Greb has stopped English in the tenth in their last meeting.

Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, stopped Joe Palaza, 136, Boston (3). Tom Sheldon, 140, Saugus, kayoed Louie Benson, 137, Gloucester (3). John Lawler, 181, Boston, kayoed Herb Colby, 174, Beverly (2). Harry Trott, 133½, Salem, outfought Irish Red Barron, 136, Boston (4).

Manchester, N. H.—Tommy "Red" Welles, 135, this city, proved that his mitts were once again all right when he put away Midget St. Hilaire, 134, Somersworth, N. H., in five. Welles had damaged his hands on tough Santiago Riviera during their last fracas. Oliver Desmarais, 133, Manchester, won over Joe Nadeau, 135, Somersworth (6).

Bangor, Me.—Jimmy Mulligan, 170, a former middleweight national amateur champ, stopped Nick Torres, 168, Puerto Rico, in three. Mulligan, a southpaw, gives the fans plenty of action whenever he steps through the ropes.

Steve Bellus, 137, Toronto, outpointed Johnny O'Keefe, Brooklyn, in a six-rounder.

Portland, Me.—The fans jammed the hall to see Bill Tordiglione, 146½, Boston, beat their favorite Eddie Letourneau, 146, Sanford, in a ten-round scrap.

Keene, N. H.—Irish Mickey Burke, 162, Dover, kayoed Maurice Cloutier, 156, Manchester (2).

Fall River—Joey Bagnato, 134½, Toronto, stopped rugged Steve Kronis, 130, Boston, in the 5th. Benny Delgado, 142, Providence, stopped Pedro Corchado, 136, New Bedford (4).

Worcester—Jimmy Callura, 122, Hamilton, Ont., outpointed shifty Midget Mayo, 126, Philadelphia (10). Ceferino Bronko, 152, Fall River, stopped Henry Scott, 143, Cincinnati (1). Charlie Celeste, 129, Boston, kayoed Tony Ferry, 127, Fall River.

Boston Arena—Jake LaMotta, 162½, Bronx, promised a shot at Europe's Marcel Cerdan, didn't boost his stock any in beating Joe Reddick, 158½, Paterson, N. J., in a ten-rounder. It was a slow affair with the fans anxious to see Jake knock the Negro lad out.

Al Smith, 130, Boston, and Jimmy McLarnin, 135, New Bedford, fought to an eight-round draw. Johnny Juliano, 127, Hartford, outpointed Tony Roberts, 128, Toronto (6). Bernie Cummings, 165, Burlington, Vt., took the split decision over Tony Petro, 159, Boston (6). Frankie Waters, 130, Boston, knocked out Tony Carney, 132, New Bedford, in the first round.

Mechanics Building, Boston—When you think of challengers for the heavyweight crown, think of Pat Comiskey, 214, of Paterson, N. J. Pat, who looked on his way to the top before being stopped by Max Baer—who was at the ringside, by the way—stopped a real worthy foe in Big Bill Weinberg, 213, Chelsea, in the ninth round. Weinberg had been floored just before the referee stopped the fight, while Bill, groggy and holding on the top rope with his right glove, was at the mercy of the mean-hitting Paterson giant.

There were three knockdowns in all. The first one occurred at the end of the first round. Comiskey let go a vicious right as they broke coming out of a clinch. Weinberg protested, arose, then came the bell. If the referee had stopped the match then (which he could have done), fans would not have witnessed one of the best heavyweight fights ever seen here. It developed into a fast, two-fisted duel, between two incensed fighters. It wasn't always fought according to the rules—some butting, wrestling and after-the-bell-hitting took place—but was tremendously enjoyed. Weinberg also was dropped for a no-count in the second.

Weinberg, inflamed by the after-the-break punch by Comiskey, fought with a vengeance from then on and one time sunk a wicked left hook into the body of Pat which doubled him up. However, Weinberg failed to take advantage of the situation. Up to the seventh, it was anybody's fight. Weinberg was doing a lot of punching with his left hand in close. He faded after that; held on more often and Comiskey, strong and fresh, got the range in the ninth.

Frank Poreda, 196, Jersey City, N. J., Navy champion, looked great in stopping Abel Gonsalves, 183, Central Falls, R. I., in the eighth, when Gonsalves had to surrender because of a badly cut mouth. Setting a fast pace and boxing beautifully, Poreda gave Gonsalves, a tough customer with a punch who never stopping trying, a licking.

Johnny Martin, 190, Rockport, looking better in every start, stopped tough George Boner, 191, New Haven, in the fifth. Martin knocked Boner clear through the ropes in the fourth, by a series of well-placed shots to the head.

Warren Wilson, 180, Atlanta, Ga., stopped Phil Carr, 176, Rochester, N. H., in the third. Freddie Fields, 170½, Chelsea, beat Eddie Brinkley, 166, Fall River (4).

Manchester, N. H.—Floriant Desmarais, 134, the little Manchester Bear, won the New England lightweight title when he beat speedy Leo Mucucci, 130, Portland, Me., in an interesting 12-rounder. Nearly a thousand fans were turned away from this natural, which was held at the new recreation center. The net gate—$3,200—was the largest ever recorded for a boxing show in the Granite State. The lightweight title had been vacated when Benny Singleton had out-grown the class.

Steve Bellus, 133½, London, Ont., kayoed Oliver Desmarais of Manchester in two.

Salem—Willard Buckless, 156½, Saugus, wiped out a previous defeat in beating Benny Singleton, 152, Waterbury, Conn., in ten rounds. Bob Flanagan, 162, Toronto, a lad who seems to have lured the genuine Irish blood to the squared circle, won over Ace Wallace, 157½, Boston, in the eight-round semi-final. Red Perkins, 138, Lynn, stopped John Boty, 143, Fall River (2). Chuck Williams, 135, Boston, kayoed George Canon, 140, Lynn (3).

Worcester—Corky Davis, 137, local favorite, knocked out Danny Berger, 138, Miami, in the second round. Frankie Ross, 151, Boston, stopped Frankie Young, 147½, Malden (5).

Augusta, Me.—Gabby Poulin, 145, New Britain, Conn., native of this city, came back long enough to cop an eight-round decision over slugger Eddie Letourneau, 146, Sanford. Tony Bellevance, 108, Augusta, stopped midget Silver Magee, 106, Biddeford, in the sixth frame.

Mechanics Building, Boston—Tommy Sullivan, the South Boston strong boy, 170½, climbed a little higher up the fistic ladder when he beat Jimmy Nelson, 172, Cleveland, in ten rounds.

A two-fisted attack at long range plus an occasional uppercut, gave Tommy the better of the exchanges. He made it an aggressive fight, continually looking for an opening for his hard-punching fists, while Nelson was mostly on the defensive, breaking up Sullivan's thrusts with straight lefts and left hooks.

In the fifth, Nelson was floored for a 9 count by lefts and rights to the jaw. It looked as if this might be the end of Mr. Nelson, but he arose shakily and held on for the remainder of the round.

Jackie Webber, 135, Pawtucket, R. I., chilled southpaw Oscar St. Pierre, 142, Fall River, in the sixth round of the 8-round semi-final. St. Pierre, possessor of a wicked left, was able to use it but little as Webber showered him so fast that the Fall River lad spent most of his time covering up.

Johnny Martin, 188, Rockport, weathered a stormy first round to knock out Adonis Al Carpenter, 185, Fall River, in the fourth. Curtis Lee, 168, U. S. Army, stopped Johnny Lawler, 175, game Roxbury boy, in the 4th. Carrot top Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, made a good impression in winning a six-rounder over tough Marine Jackie Ritchie, 145. Tony Auregio, 141, tall Negro lad, stopped Bobby Stoddard, 137, Roxbury, in the fourth.

Lewiston, Me.—Corky Davis, 135, Worcester, stopped Bobby Martin, 138, Manchester, N. H., (2). Harry Hitlian, 137, Worcester, won over Buddy Labbe, 141, Auburn (8).

Salem—Tommy Greb, 132, southpaw of Boston, a North Shore favorite, beat Jackie Callura, former N.B.A. featherweight champion, of Hamilton, Ont., in ten rounds. Solly Snyder, the match-maker, was responsible for staging this outstanding match in a small club.

Jackie Pennington, 134, Boston, kayoed Red Barron, 137, Boston (3). Doc Blanchard, 127, Boston, kayoed Tom Murphy, 125, Boston (2). Chet Ross, 160, Beverly, stopped Pat Nee, 165, South Boston (2). Tommy Doyle, 185, Fall River, won over Stan Boyd, 220, Worcester (6).

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WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

"BOXING in the Mountain State is here to stay." These words echo the thoughts of everyone connected with the game here. Fan and official alike, readily agree that as long as the promoters give the fistic faithful of the state top shows, as they have done in the past year, they may expect the sport to reach an all time high. Clubs in Huntington, Wheeling and Charleston are operating with success.

The Pogue-Deutsch combine in Huntington high-lighted its May 27 show with twin ten-rounds. In one half, Mose Brown looked great in disposing of Long John Reeves, Columbus middleweight, in the fourth chukker. Gunboat Davis, Charleston light-heavy, out for the first time since his release from the service, outgunned Willie Gaines of Cincinnati, in the other ten-frame affair. Davis used his heavy artillery to drop Gaines three times. Weights, Davis, 172; Gaines, 168.

Bobby Kinder, 125½, Huntington, whipped Johnny Cook, 127, Cincinnati, in a great bout between little men. A low blow in the opening frame hurt Kinder, but he rallied to cop the duke.

Heavyweights Jimmy Howard, Logan, and Bob Clark, Pittsburgh, battled to a furious six-round draw, in the opener. Until this bout Howard was unbeaten in his last nine starts.

Displaying bulldog courage and a fighting heart, Harry Rose, Huntington featherweight, tossed punches in the direction of Petey Bolos, Detroit 126-pounder, for seven heats, at Wheeling's Market House, only to suffer a T.K.O., at the hands of his Syrian adversary, in the following frame. So completely exhausted was Rose, that he was removed to the Ohio Valley hospital in Wheeling for rest and medication, following the melee. Other results: Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, stopped Freddie Tibbs, Columbus, in six. Bobby Kinder whipped Dick Lewis in another six-frame affair. In the opener Sammy Argo bested Billy Wright in six. This show was promoted by Jack Sheppard and George K. Brown, under the auspices of the Wheeling Boxing Club.

Charles Banks, "mugging" Cincinnati middleweight, who has been going great guns of late, soundly drubbed George Riley, Detroit youngster, over the ten-round route at Huntington's Radio Center. Although Cloutin' Charley remains undefeated in the local arena, fans here generally concede that Riley is the best foe the Queen City scrapper has met to date. Banks weighed 168; Riley, 160. Billy Jackson, local middleweight, outfought Mutt Schartz of Columbus, in the semi-windup, but much to the surprise of everyone, the scrap was called a draw in six. Other results: Art Brownie defeated Tony Kimbrough, (6). Jimmy Howard shellacked Bob Clark, (6). Some 1500 of the Tri-State fistic faithful were on hand to witness this show, co-sponsored by Dick Deutsch and Dick Pogue.

"Diamond Ben" Levy, Huntington jeweler, has been appointed to the state boxing commission. Ben is an authority on the game, having served in the East as a manager, judge, and referee.

Just out of the service—Petey Sheridan, Charlie Beery, Max Javins, Don Sansom, Pat Scanlon and Vince Gooderham. Bill (Country) Bagsett, topnotch Dixie light-heavy during the Rosenbloom era, is planning a comeback.

The Wheeling Boxing Club's May 20th show was hurt by the steady downfall of rain, but the fans of the Steel City are gradually catching on and clicking the turnstiles to a fair tune.

Matchmaker Jack Sheppard had Mose Brown, aging, but still crafty light-heavy, opposing Tiz Jones, Charleston heavyweight, in the top attraction. Mose had things pretty much his own way throughout the four stanzas, and applied so much heat on the Capitol City scrapper, that Red Hetzel, Jones's handler, tossed in the towel. This was the veteran Pittsburgher's second straight kayo in the Wheeling club, with his first victim being southpaw Charley Lee of Cincinnati.

The semi proved to be a real sizzler, with Buddy Smallwood, Akron vet, stopping Bobby Kinder, gamecock featherweight, in the third canto. Kinder had the Akron scrapper on the deck twice for nine counts in the second. Weights: Kinder, 126; Smallwood, 128. Remainder of the bill: Marion Klingingsmith kayoed Sammy Argo, (1), middleweights. Al Guertero iced Harvey Mitchell, (1), lightweights., Jimmy Howard halted Hank Turner in the opening heat, heavyweights.

Howard Faulkiner, Moundsville middle, has returned to gym work, after suffering a broken right hand in his tilt with Charlie Moore. Sparky Zervos, another Moundsville scrapper, is preparing himself for future ring dates. Sparky is a bantamweight.

Johnny Edwards, a great little flyweight of a few years back, is now employed at a glass plant at Dunbar, West Virginia. Possibly the best lightweight in this part of the nation is Willie Russell. Dick Deutsch, veteran sports promoter, has "stepped but" as co-promoter at Huntington's Radio Center, leaving Dick Pogue to carry on. Jack Sheppard remains in the capacity of matchmaker for this thriving club. News of interest can be sent to the writer at 830 Seventh Avenue, Huntington, West Va. Brown Lee, Huntington feather, is now boxing out of Harrisburg, Pa., under the direction of Danny Myers of that city. Lee looks like a real comer, and under Myers' guidance should go places.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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CHARLEY PARHAM, Wisconsin knockout king, enhanced his punch record at the Milwaukee Auditorium when he tagged Robert Simmons, 148½, Indianapolis, with a left hook on the chin in the sixth round. Simmons got up wobbly at the count of nine but the bell rang before Parham could finish him. Parham swarmed all over him at the beginning of the seventh but could not connect, and with two minutes of the round gone Simmons appeared to have recovered. Then the Milwaukeean sunk a right to the body that finished the Hoosier. The time, 2:06.

Matchmaker Al Fain arranged a splendid set of preliminaries. Sammy Cicerello, 128, Milwaukee, suffered his first defeat in eight professional starts when he lost to Butch Maxwell, 130½, Gary.

The decision was roundly booed and almost provoked a riot. Judge Owen Murphy voted for Cicerello. Judge Les De Camara and Referee Dauber Jaeger voted for Maxwell. The writer would have given the decision to Cicerello because he landed the most punches and was the aggressor.

Johnny Gaudes, 124½, Milwaukee, won a T.K.O. over Ted Christie, 128, Chicago, in 1:10 of round three. Clarence Thurman, 138, Moline, scored a T.K.O. upset over Frankie Gaudes, 132, Milwaukee, in 2:35 of round six. Milt Varsas, 150½, Milwaukee, kayoed Al Jackson, 148, Chicago, in 1:42 of round two. Charley Busalacchi, 150, Milwaukee, kayoed Elverse Tonnsell, 148½, Gary, in 2:07 of round three.

Phil Zwick, 129, Kaukauna Clouter, made good in his comeback at Oshkosh by knocking out Marion Rhoeten, 130½, state featherweight champion, in the third round. Rhoeten set a fast pace from the first gong, figuring to tire the veteran, but ran into a vicious right that sent him down for the count. Later in the round a flurry of punches put him down for keeps. Rhoeten claimed a low blow after the first knockdown left his jaw a target for the finishing punches.

Stan Reitzner, 151, of Appleton, topped the preliminaries with a six-round victory over Harold Alle of St. Paul. Don Wallenfang, 141½, of Milwaukee, T.K.O.'ed Sammy Dobbins, 137½, Oshkosh, in round 4; Charley Pope, 141¼, Milwaukee, kayoed Mickey Wilson, 142½, Chicago, in round two; Dave Duncan, 133, Chicago, kayoed Ray Bernier, 133, Oshkosh, in the second round. Matchmaker Chuck Van Avery had a swell show that grossed $3,400. Referee, Dauber Jaeger; Judges, Lou Urdan and Les Decamara.

Zwick, inactive since 1941, looked like the sharp puncher of the past. What he will do with a more rugged opponent, however, is still a question.

Fred Saddy, secretary of the boxing commission, reports that earnings paid into the general fund from tax and license fees for the fiscal year 1945-46, ending June 30th, are over double the amount of the past 13 years. They still have a half dozen shows to go, which may triple the earnings.

Russ Mullins, son of the late Jim Mullins, Chicago boxing promoter, paid us a visit the other day. His middleweight, Johnny Barbara, just out of the service, is looking for fights. Before entering the service he fought main bouts in Milwaukee and Chicago.

Emil Nanny, Chicago Coliseum matchmaker, also paid us a visit to say he quit as matchmaker and will manage two light-heavyweights, Willie Moore and Richard Hammond, and 140-pound Bobbie Moore.

Brother Billy went up to Minneapolis for the Willie Pep-Jimmy Joyce fight. He reports that a fine job is being done by Promoter Tony Stecher. Mike Gibbons, the once-famous St. Paul Phantom, recently appointed to the boxing commission, insists that a major club operate in St. Paul.

At the Milwaukee Auditorium Tommy Lemmon received the decision over Fritzie Zivic of Pittsburgh in ten rounds. It was an even affair with Zivic fighting only about a minute of each round. Zivic dealt out considerable punishment with snappy left hooks only to be outscored by Lemmon's lighter punching for the balance of each round. He weighed 151 to Zivic's 146.

In the prelims Sammy Cicerello, 131, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Bob Williams, 134, Chicago, in 1:47 of round two. Milt Vargas, 148, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Joe Buford, 150, Chicago, in 1:58 of the first round. George Feltes, 153, Milwaukee, defeated Bob Fowler, 151, Chicago, in six rounds. It was the best bout on the card. Young Fritzie Zivic, 153, Pittsburgh, defeated Elmer Carson, 159½, Kansas City, six. Don Wallenfang, 148½, Milwaukee, and Elverse Tonnsell, 144, Gary, drew, four. Gross gate, $10,500. Referees Ted Jamieson and Louis Schultz. Judges Les De Camara and Owen Murphy. Timer, John Eisenmann.

AT THE CENTURY A.C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KREUTER

STEVE BELLOISE, 155, had little trouble in winning the unanimous decision over Henry Jordan of Atlantic City, 150, over the ten-round route. The Bronx middleweight was never threatened. The only time Jordan put up anything that resembled a fight was in the ninth heat when he waded into Belloise with a bevy of rights and lefts.

Lew Perez of New York, 156, stole the show with his comedian antics in his bout with Chappie Manning, 158. He kept the crowd in stitches. He won the fight by a T.K.O. in the third stanza.

In another sixer: Howard Bennett, 168, eked out a majority vote over Al Cortez, 161, in a very close contest.

In fours: Paul Watson, 133, won by a T.K.O. over Joe Jordan, 134. Tony Longo, 125, decisioned Joe Caster, 124½, and Dom Baccala, 135, won from Terry Moore, 134.

Billy Graham had little trouble in winning a unanimous ten-round decision over Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Indiana, lightweight, at the Century A.C. Jimmy took everything the New Yorker had to offer and still came back for more. In fact, though he was literally battered to a pulp, Joyce never fell to the canvas.

Graham was too clever for his lighter opponent as he used his left jab to perfection. In the fifth round Joyce stunned Graham with a right hook, but was on the receiving end for the remainder of the bout.

Graham weighed in at 137¼ while Joyce tipped the scales at 136.

Jimmy Pryor, 142, of Chicago, won a disputed decision over Jesse Lang, 149, of this city, in the six-round semi-windup.

Vince Devente, 180, won his second fight since his discharge from the armed forces by pounding out a unanimous decision over Joe Green, 178, in a five-round test.

In fours, Bob Shannon lost a unanimous decision to Johnny Clinton, Melvin Wade took the vote over Edgar Poe, and Melvin Lucky and Sippio Loftin fought to a draw.

A crowd of 2,874 paid $7,304.75 to watch the evening's proceedings.

Charley Millan, local lightweight, who is improving with every start, took a unanimous decision from Cleo Shans, veteran Californian, in the Century's main go. This is a match which could have been labeled "the Battle of the Fractures." Both boys left the ring with injuries to their hands. Shans injured his right in the fourth as he landed on Millan's head. Charley received his two rounds later by the same method.

The crowd didn't seem to realize this fact until after the fight was over. During the bout they acted very dissatisfied; but when they learned of the handicaps both boys suffered, they cheered the two courageous battlers.

A throng of 4,627 was on hand as Curtis Sheppard, the Philadelphia "Hatchetman," literally chopped down Clarence Jones of Buffalo, N. Y., in 2:10 of the third heat of a scheduled ten-round match.

Jones, who weighed in at 198½, was the aggressor for the first two sessions as he kept Sheppard at bay with a steady stream of rights and lefts; but Sheppard, who tipped the scales at 188, finally found an opening in the early moments of the third and landed a hard left hook that sent his opponent sprawling to the canvas. Jones staggered to his feet at the count of nine, only to hit the canvas again after being hit.

As for the prelims, the crowd which paid $11,542.42 saw the best preliminary fighters Baltimore has to offer.

In a pier 6 brawl, Howard Bennett, 170, eked out a majority vote over Irish Joe O'Connell, 167½, in an eight-round test. Another slambang affair saw Johnny Ditto, 166, slug out a unanimous decision over Nick Manfredo, 165½. This was a sixer.

Vince DiVente, 194¼, took Dan Biggers, 191½, into camp, winning a unanimous nod; and Charley Crump, 189, pounded out a unanimous victory over Jim Schemmer, 193, in two other sixes.

NORTH DAKOTA FLASHES

By DARWIN GOMER

WELL, it's been a long, long time since North Dakota has had any boxing news—or a column to represent the state—hence the debut of this column.

Yours truly has just returned from Europe and we had the pleasure of seeing Scotland, England, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland. Home still tops 'em all, though!

While in Paris we saw almost all the leading fighters in France, from mighty Marcel Cerdan right on down to petite Theo. Medina. We saw all the big fights in the gay old "City of Light."

AROUND THE STATE: Dan Panks is the boxing promoter in Bismarck. . . . His shows are sponsored by the Disabled Veterans. . . . Abe Wallace, former boxer, is the matchmaker for the Fargo Athletic Club. . . . Dick Demaray, the veteran southpaw welterweight, still keeps in trim on his farm and now and then headlines a show in Bismarck, his old stamping grounds. . . . The hard-hitting and popular Demaray, met many of the leading welters in his day, and it wasn't too long ago that Isham Hall (his manager), had him headlining shows every week for Tommy O'Loughlin in Minneapolis.

Some new faces around the state are: Eddie Dinius, Bismarck welter; George Johnson, Flasher welterweight; Walter Dutton, Mandan featherweight; and Eugene Volk, Flasher featherweight. . . . On the Demaray-Espensen card, Dinius looked pretty fair in scoring a T.K.O. over George Johnson.

Ken Corbett, former St. Paul, Minn., welterweight amateur, who lost his left eye in Germany, is employed by the Veterans' Assoc. in St. Paul.

The fistic fraternity throughout the Middlewest, and particularly in Minnesota and the Dakotas, were saddened by the death this month of Harry Lennon of St. Paul. Harry came from South Dakota and became associated with Ed Richter in the Coronado Cafe. Later, Harry Lennon became known as a fight manager and promoter. He handled Laph McKenna, Tommy Comiskey, and a host of other well-known scrappers. He promoted boxing in St. Paul from 1935 to 1942 when the going was really tough, yet he succeeded in putting on some highly successful shows. Bad health caused his retirement. Harry Lennon was a well-liked and good businessman. A friend we all hated to see leave.

We hear that St. Paul, Minn., is having a lot of trouble with its boxing franchise. The trouble and feud exists between former promoter Eddie Williams and the newly-appointed promoter, rotund Billy Colbert.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

THE Winnipeg City Police A. C. staged its first Manitoba amateur boxing championships since 1941 at the Civic Auditorium, before more than 2500 fans. The following titleholders were crowned:

Heavyweight: Babe Matthews, St. Paul's College.
Light-heavyweight: Ernie Williams, Mid-West A. C.
Middleweight: Geo. Cote, Mid-West A. C.
Welterweight: Eugene Soltys, Fort William.
Lightweight: Ed Haddad, C.N.R.A.C.
Featherweight: Bill Cawson, Flin Flon.
Bantamweight: Ed Cunningham, I.I.C.
Flyweight: Jerry Bond, W.C.P.A.C.

Somerset, Treherne, Moorden, Manitou, are a few of the towns in Manitoba, which are planning amateur shows during the summer months.

Tony Roberts, Winnipeg's scrappy featherweight, is home from Boston, and would like to strut his stuff before a Winnipeg audience.

Several hundred fans jammed the Somerset arena to witness a boxing show promoted by the Canadian Legion. Geo. Cote, Winnipeg K. O.'ed Bob Monahan in the second round of the main event. Wilf Dejardins, Winnipeg, scored a T.K.O. over Tony Cameron, Swan River. Ernie Williams, Winnipeg, dropped a four-round decision to Bud McLean, Sperling.

Ron Whalley, Winnipeg, lightheavy, scored a three-round K.O. over Lou Bradford of Seattle in Vancouver. It was Whalley's first K.O. as a pro.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX

By LARRY JONAS

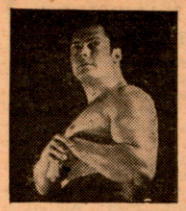
RESULTS of the bouts staged at the local Madison Square Garden during May ran as follows:

May 10—Zura Zurrita, 142, K.O.'ed Lee Sherman, 145, in the second round. Alex Rivers, 130, stopped Bobby Rascon, 132½, in the first. Flash Gordon, 144, decisioned El Tigre, 137, of Cananea in six. In another six-rounder, Charlie Salas, 147, retained his state welterweight crown by defeating George Silver, 144. In the main event, Kid Hermmisillo, 182, light-heavyweight king of Mexico, stopped Tony Martin, 208, Arizona state champ, in the opening round.

May 17—Alex Rivers, 128, won in four rounds over Joe Navarez, 123. Alex Peralta, 115, beat Ray Gutterez, 119, in four. Folly Villages, 142½, defeated Gabe Peralta, 149½. The referee gave Peralta the verdict, but his decision was reversed by the boxing commission. The scrap was six rounds.

Tony Martin, 208, stopped Babe Hawkins, 192, in the fourth. Joe Ruiz, 159, halted J. D. Spencer, 155, in the fourth round of the main event.

May 24—Milo Leyvas, 138, and Pedro Rodriquez, 138, battled to a four-round draw. Alex Peralta, 116, won the nod over Tacoma Kid, 119, in four. Ray Castillo, 127, beat Lee Sherman, 128, in four. Gabe Peralta, 149½, decisioned Frank Antuna, 155, in eight. Chief Crazy Horse, 145, took the duke from Charlie Salas, 145, in another eight rounder.



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May 31—Manuel Silvas, 161, K.O.'ed Willie Williams, 156½, in the third round. El Tigre 142, of Cananea, won the decision over Bill Shelton, 140, in four. Manuel Lopez, 126, beat Alex Peralta, 117, in another four. Gabe Peralta, 151, took every round in defeating Reyes Madero, 155, in four. In the main event, Kid Hermmisillo, 176, eked out a decision over Bomber Graves, 188, in eight heats.

TAMPA AND VICINITY

By VELASQUES

TOMMIE KIENE, Savannah, won a close decision over Orlando Fernandez, Havana, in a ten-rounder that saw Fernandez win the last five rounds and appear an easy winner. . . . Billy Murphy, Miami, was knocked out in five rounds by Chili Cantero, Havana. Murphy failed to win a round and was badly outclassed. . . . Battling Oscar, West Tampa, clowned his way to a four-round decision over Roy Jackson. . . . Charley Stokes stopped Ray Dundee in one round and Ralph Hughes won over Sonny Hope in four rounds.

Billy Moore, Miami, stopped Joe Parsons, Miami, in two rounds. Parsons was subbing for Manny Gomez who failed to show up at fight time. Stacky Rowe was stopped again, this time by Joey Raymond, West Tampa, in four rounds. Rowe fights out of Miami where he is better known as Irish Jackie Hogan. . . . Joe Diaz, West Tampa, won from Paul Bustamante, West Tampa, in six rounds and Ray Dundee knocked out Tony Rojo in four rounds. . . . Roy Evans, Tampa, defeated Sonny Hope, St. Petersburg, in another six-rounder.

Joey Raymond, West Tampa, and Bulldog Camagueyano, Havana, went ten rounds to a draw in an action-packed bout that saw Raymond declared the winner only to have the decision reversed to a draw the following day. Johnny Dupree, Tampa, won over Pete Noriega, West Tampa, in a six-rounder and Johnny Garcia, Tampa, won from the clowning Battling Oscar, West Tampa, in a four-rounder. Chris Cedas, Calif., lasted just two rounds against Ray Jackson, Tampa.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

WITH radio broadcasting coming into its own in Northern New Hampshire, the boxing game will get big-time coverage. It is expected that the powers-to-be for the White Mountains Broadcasting Company will be willing to render blow-by-blow descriptions of all boxing events in the White Mountains area. Incidentally, "Yours Truly" is a full time member of the staff of this new radio station called: WMOU, the Radio Voice of the White Mountains!, in Berlin, N. H.

Word comes from Chief Petty Officer Al Sinibaldi now stationed at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Florida, that his recent fight with Irish Jimmy Kelly, 188, of Bayonne, N. J., ended in favor of the former N. H. pugilist by technical K.O., in the fourth. Al opened up a bad cut over one of Irish Jimmy's eyes and Referee Dick Gore stopped the contest. The bout took place at the Arena in Jacksonville. This was Sinibaldi's third straight victory there. Al's first bout ended in the sixth round—over big Jim Parker and two weeks later, he scored another kayo over K.O. Drummond in four rounds. All the above mentioned were main events. Al Sinibaldi's fighting weight is now at 180.

Pat Monihan, 152½, of Derry, substituting for Maurice Cloutier of Manchester, N. H., was knocked out near the end of the sixth round in a bout at Lewiston, against Young Ted Kid Drew, 151, of that city. Referee Tom Breen stopped the bout to save the man from further punishment after the New Hampshirite had been saved by the bell in the fourth and downed again in the fifth and sixth rounds for nine counts. Monihan was going great guns before this setback.

At Manchester, Floriant Desmarais scored over Joe DiMartino of Newark, N. J., in the fourth round. The Manchester fighter sent DiMartino to the canvas for a six-count in the first. In the fourth he exploded a left to the stomach and DiMartino was out. The winner weighed 134, one pound lighter than his opponent.

In the semi-final, Maurice Cloutier, another Manchester product, fought gamely and landed several jarring punches but Ray Ladd of Portland, Maine, slugged him more often and knocked down Cloutier for nine counts in the third and sixth rounds. Referee Harko awarded Ladd the decision. Ladd weighed 169, Cloutier, 159.

In the other six-rounder, Bobby Conway of Manchester atoned for an earlier defeat at the hands of the same fighter by winning a one-sided decision over Jimmy Harvey of Boston, Mass. He tipped the beam at 159, Harvey at 158.

In the prelims, Danny King of Roxbury, Mass., won by a T.K.O. in the second round over Eddie Trudeau of Lowell, in the curtain-raiser and in the second bout of the evening Walter Keene, Manchester, won a four-round decision over Chickie Jones of Roxbury, Mass.

In another fight at the Bedford Grove in Manchester, New Hampshire, Tommy "Red" Wells of that city floored Midget St. Hilaire of Somersworth, N. H., for the full count in the fifth round. The winner had dropped three of the first four rounds. Wells weighed 135 to St. Hilaire's 134.

In the first of three six-round bouts, Irish Eddie Brickley of Fall River won over Johnny Marra of Boston, in the fifth canto, when the referee declared that Marra was not putting up his best efforts. Marra protested the decision, but was forcibly ejected from the ring by his manager and local police. He weighed in at 163, Brickley at 168. Bobby Conway of Manchester continued along the victory path with a convincing two-round knockout over Red McDonough of Roxbury, Mass. The loser was floored twice before the kayo. Bobby tipped the beam at 157, McDonough at 156. Oliver Desmarais, 130, another Manchester battler, won the verdict over Joe Nadeau of Somersworth in six. Nadeau's weight was 129 to Desmarais' 130.

Eddie Desilet's stable of fighters is operating successfully in Maine rings. The most recent ones are as follows:

Pat Dyer, Berlin, lost a decision to Bobby Nash of Boston, Mass., in the main event at Sanford, Maine.

Dick Villeneuve, East Side, Berlin, lost by a T.K.O. in five rounds to Red Luce of Boston, Mass. Up to the time he sustained an injury Dick was leading on points in this bout.

Dom Sinibaldi, Cascade, brother of the well-known Al, of the U.S. Navy, is preparing himself to return to ring wars.

The undefeated Larry Villeneuve, brother of Norman and Dick, now in the U.S. Navy, is due to return home sometime in the near future.

Edgar Perrault, the East Side Kid from Berlin, N. H., will resume his boxing career in Maine rings soon.

The high school boy, Jimmy Dinardo of Cascade, shows exceptional promise and thus far is undefeated. He's in fine shape and ready to fight anytime or anywhere.

Mr. Eddie Desilets, who handles most of the above named can be reached at: c/o *Le Journal*, or at Church Street, Berlin, New Hampshire.

To the many who have written to me during the past few months I'm sorry for not complying or answering your requests sooner. When I return to New Hampshire to stay, I shall endeavor to redeem myself and take care of all unfinished business. The story is that I've been studying at the School of Radio Technique, RKO Building, Radio City, New York in view of my future work at station WMOU, the Radio Voice of the White Mountains in Berlin, N. H. (Another cute plug for the company!).

I wish to thank my good friends, Al Dinorse and Robert Poisson, for sending the boxing news from New Hampshire.

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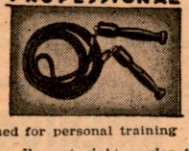

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

EZZARD CHARLES, Negro light heavyweight under the management of George Rhein and Charlie Dyer, tossed in two victories for his shot at Gus Lesnevich and his crown. Charles stopped Tommy Hubert of New York in four rounds at Cincinnati Music Hall and one week later, at Pittsburgh, scored a decisive 10-round victory over Archie Moore, St. Louis, and No. 1 N.B.A. light-heavyweight challenger. Charles weighed 171 to Moore's 174.

As we go to the typewriter, Charles is matched for a June shot in Youngstown, O., with Sheldon Bell.

On May 20 at Music Hall, Promoters Leonard Shallat and Leonard Hartman offered a 10-round scheduled main event between Willie Russell of Columbus, O., and Artie Price of Detroit. Twenty-one hundred and eighty-nine fans paid a gross of $5753.50 to see Russell add another knockout to his record. Russell sank in some wicked clouts with the knockout coming in the fourth round.

Clint Conway, lanky Negro light-heavyweight protege of Joe Anderson, the old Kentucky Rose and middleweight contender, added another to his fast accumulating kayo list in the semi-final when he put the sleep wallop on Al King of Cleveland in 1.42 of the opening round.

Joe Discepoli, sensational National amateur lightweight champion, making his first professional start, knocked out Sammy Elliott of Delaware, Ohio, in three rounds.

AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS—Jack Beaty fight shows in Peoria, Ill., are action-filled cards . . . Eddie Davis, former Cleveland promoter, has four heavyweight prospects in California . . . Eli Hackley of Toledo has a good boy in Perry Mason, a Negro 155-pounder . . . LaVerne Bucsanyi, Houston boxing and wrestling critic, is loud with the praise of Young O'Neal Crocker, a six-foot heavy who just turned to the money ranks . . . I am booking amateur boxing teams all over the country and would like to hear from both trainers of teams and also promoters of amateur fight shows . . . Bus Van Buskirk, 170-pound Middletown, O., wrestler, looks like the goods from this corner.

Speaking of the grappling game, Promoter Salvador Lutteroth recently staged his world's welterweight championship match between El Santo, Mexico, and Pete Panacoff, United States, with Col. Harry Landry, N.W.A. president, personally present to give to the winner, El Santo, a championship belt . . . Danny Morris, Columbus, O., under the direction of this writer, is the American claimant to the title . . . Address your subscriptions to my fight flashes to Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio . . . This address also available to send in news for this column and fighters of all weights who wish bookings in this territory. . . . I am starting a boxing collection of anything and everything and would welcome any help from any fighters, managers, promoters and fans. Thanks in advance . . . Richie Smith, Illinois manager, has a good welter in Tommy Campbell . . . Joe Harner, former Cincinnati boxing promoter passed away on June 1 . . . I still have a few boxing managers and promoters guides on hand at one dollar per copy, featuring names and addresses of 700 promoters and managers . . . First come, first served.

Charlie Banks, Cincinnati light-heavyweight star, proved he is ready for anything in his division, at Cincinnati Music Hall, when he knocked out Samson Powell of Cleveland, O., in the eighth round. Charlie scaled 169 pounds, eight more than the Clevelander.

In the two top supporting bouts, Charley Eschman, Cincinnati welter, scored an eight-round decision over Johnny Varce of Detroit and Jimmie Woods, Cincinnati lightweight, won the six-round decision over Oliver Cobbins of Cincinnati. The show, a Poole-Brown-Nichols promotion, drew a gross of $2289 and paid attendance of 1272.

BOXING NEWS FROM PUERTO RICO
By LIEUT. MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

INTEREST in the boxing game here on the island has soared to new heights due to the elimination tournaments that are being held to declare a champion in each division. Cuba is holding a similar tournament. Their winners will invade this island in the very near future to meet the local champions.

Daniel Calcagno, who recently returned from an unsuccessful tour of the U.S., was declared welterweight champion following his one-sided victory over Harry Wills, Jr. Wills was definitely no match for the ebony-hued Calcagno and Referee Siso Lizardi called a halt to the contest in the eighth round.

The following week Santos Picon and Jose Garcia Colon met for the flyweight title, with Picon winning the decision after ten hectic rounds. Jose, who is a brother of Francisco Garcia Colon, the former Golden Gloves champ, captured the first two heats from his southpaw rival but the ever aggressive Picon was not to be denied. He dropped Colon in the third round with a blow to the stomach. Colon went down on his knees and grimacing in pain complained to Referee Lizardi of being hit low, but the ref continued his count whereupon Colon jumped to his feet and instead of fighting his usual cool fight began to slug it out with his rival.

From there on the boys went at it at a mile-a-minute clip with Picon having a slight lead and Jose fading badly in the last two sessions.

I scored it six rounds for Picon, four for Garcia Colon. It's debatable whether the low blows thrown by Picon were the difference between victory and defeat for Garcia Colon.

The semi-final bout saw Max Morales, contender for local featherweight honors, eliminate Juan Sanchez via the kayo route. Sanchez found the going a little too rough after holding his own in a furious first round and "dogged it" in the second round.

Another six saw Jimmy De Jesus score an unpopular decision over Heriberto Ortiz Colon and thereby eliminating Heriberto. This was the best fight card by far since the tournament began some weeks back.

Max Morales scored a five-round kayo over Jimmy De Jesus at the Escobar Stadium. Morales dropped his man about a half a dozen times in the last two heats and cut him up so badly that the referee called a halt in the fifth.

In the semifinal Jose Garcia Colon met a tartar in Cecilio Martinez (Montanez Jr.) having to fight at a fast clip all the way to beat Martinez. Garcia Colon is a cool headed youngster who hits with authority, boxes fairly well, can take a good punch, and should go places.

Can you help?

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

By BUS BURKE

PHIL TERRANOVA put one more milestone behind him on his road to the coveted crown when he punched out a bitterly fought ten-rounder over Freddie Russo from Rahway, N. J., at the Oakland Ave. Arena on Promoter Hans Bernstein's card. Terranova won the unanimous decisions of Referee Ray Palmer and Judges Gene Farrel and Al Graf because of his slashing attack and the furious pace that he set.

Main event—Phil Terranova, New York, 129, outpointed Freddie Russo, Rahway, N. J., 130¼, in ten rounds with Ray Palmer as referee. Semi-windup—Fred Latson of St. Louis, 128, showed marked improvement when he punched out an eight-round decision over Pete Bolos, Detroit, 126½. This was Latson's first time out over the eight-round distance and I still say he bears watching. Dick Young, referee. Preliminaries—Milton Jones, St. Louis, 164, won on a decision over Jerry Marshall, St. Louis, 166½, in six rounds. Marshall was dropped for a nine-count in the second. Tommy Sullivan, referee. Gene McGovern, Granite City, Illinois, 149, got the nod over A. B. Bartlett, St. Louis, 147½, in four rounds. Dick Young, referee. Eddie Dames, St. Louis, 129, the National 1946 Golden Gloves bantam champ, made his professional debut with a four-round decision win over trial horse Oliver Johnson of St. Louis, who came in at 131. Sullivan, referee.

St. Louis Golden Glove champions punched out a 6 to 1 victory at the Oakland Avenue Arena over the best amateurs from Kansas City. Results follow: Eddie Dames, St. Louis, outpointed Odell Hamilton, K. C., featherweights; Jackie Dicker, St. Louis, outpointed Sid Caples, K. C., featherweights; Lou Gray, St. Louis, K.O.'ed Jules Corbert, K. C., in three, middleweights; Ray Mastilovich, St. Louis, decisioned John Sherrill, K. C., welterweights; Virgil Akins, St. Louis, won over Dick Weinhold, K. C., lightweights; Connie Stamps, K. C., decisioned Praether Brown, St. Louis, bantamweights; Jack Cain, St. Louis, outpointed Wayne McFarland, K. C., flyweights. In a special bout, Mike Buha, the 1946 heavyweight champ from St. Louis, won via the decision route from Earl Harris of East St. Louis, Ill.

RIGHT CROSSES—Deacon Nathan Logan of St. Louis, decisioned Joe Hartfield of Omaha, Neb., in a ten-round bout at Omaha, in a middleweight affair . . . Hans Bernstein with Johnny Connoly has recently opened a new and very modern gym in the downtown section of St. Louis, located at Broadway and Market Street. E. H. Leary has taken over at the Central Gym.

Main event—Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn., (New York featherweight champion), 129¾, outpointed Aponte Torres, Puerto Rico, 127, in ten rounds. Jimmy Parker, referee.

The 3598 loyal fight fans who witnessed the ringwise Willie Pep in action at Hans Bernstein's Auditorium on May 22, left the temple of fistiana thoroughly convinced that the belting Willie Pep was the class of his division. It was Aponte Torres who furnished the opposition for the featherweight master. Referee Jimmy Parker voted for Pep, 56 to 44 and the two judges, Al Graf and Gene Farrel, saw it 57 to 43 in favor of Pep. The show grossed $8,313.50.

Semi-windup—Johnny Cesario, Hartford, Conn., 138, decisioned Bo Davis, Kansas City, Mo., 137, in eight rounds. Benny Kessler, referee.

Preliminaries—Johnny Tabb, St. Louis, Mo., 154½, defeated Gene McGovern, Granite City, Ill., 152, in four heats. Benny Kessler, referee. John Gulley, St. Louis, 174, and Darby Dan, St. Louis, 179, fought a torrid four-round draw that had the fans on their feet. Herb Kranz, referee. Otha Brandon, St. Louis, 145, defeated A. B. Bartlett, St. Louis, 148, in the four-round curtain raiser. Herb Kranz, referee.

In a return engagement at the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City, Kan., Charles Riley, the featherweight king here in St. Louis, blasted out the Baltimore slugger, Lou Transparenti, in the torrid second round. Riley had the boy from Baltimore on the deck in the first round when he was saved by the bell at the seven count. The second round was 50 seconds old when Riley administered the sleeping potion. In their first fight on April 30, Transparenti gained a ten-round decision over Riley but it seems as if Riley had his number in this late session. On this same card Dave Riley, the older brother of Charley, also emerged victorious when he stopped Hugh Stell, a Kansas City welter, in the number two round.

Jim Bull, the St. Louis middleweight puncher, dropped a six-round decision to Jackie Burke, of Grand Rapids, Mich., on the Pep and J. Joyce card held at Minneapolis, May 27. On the same card another St. Louisian, Art Harrison, was stopped by Art Lambert of Proctor, Minn., in the second round.

E. H. Leary has thrown his hat in the promotional ring here, at the Kiel Auditorium, under the auspices of the Eagle Lodge, Aerie 2384. So here is wishing you the very best of luck Mr. Leary and may all of your promotion ventures be highly successful.

Phil Terranova, the adopted son of the St. Louis fight fans, found himself imbedded deeper in the hearts of his loyal followers when he stopped Jimmy McAllister of Baltimore in four punch-filled rounds on Promoter Hans Bernstein's thrill packed fight card on June 3, held at the Kiel Auditorium. Terranova in winning his fifth successive fight here displayed to the 5911 enthusiastic fans that he is a rock-a-bye baby in his own rights and that he also possesses a fighting heart as big as the all outdoors. Never in his past four fights here did he show the killer instinct as he did in stopping McAllister, who just could not absorb the terrific body beating as administered by the infuriated Terranova. McAllister was down twice in the third round and the coup de grace was administered by Terranova at 1:46 of the fourth. The show grossed $13,162.30 Results of the June 3rd card: Main event—Phil Terranova, 129, New York, K.O.'ed Jimmy McAllister, 129, Baltimore, in four rounds. Tommy Sullivan, referee.

Semi-windup—Fred Latson, 128, St. Louis, outpointed Oliver Cobbins, 130, Cincinnati, in six rounds. Harry Kessler, referee.

Preliminaries—Dave Riley, 148½, St. Louis, won a T.K.O. in the sixth and final round over Frankie Gilmore, 150½, Cincinnati. Harry Kessler, referee. Eddie Dames, 127, St. Louis, decisioned Nicky Sanders, 123, St. Louis, in five rounds. Bob Ingham, referee. Gene McGovern, 149, Granite City, Ill., outpointed Otha Brandon, 142, St. Louis, in five rounds. Bob Ingham, referee. Judges, Gene Farrel and Al Graf.

News of interest to readers of this column must reach the writer no later than the last of the month. Send items to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis Street, DeSoto, Missouri. I would also like to receive autographed pictures of fighters to add to my fast growing collection. Fighters and managers wishing to get in touch with St. Louis promoters contact the writer.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By C. W. STEELE

SCHOOLBOY JERRY BERTHIAUME, Montreal, scored a fifth-round technical knockout over Frankie Fortune, Saint John, in the feature attraction at the Saint John Forum.

In the semi-final Duke Hodd and Bucky Walker both Saint John welterweights slugged it out to a six-round draw.

In the prelims Chief Sanipas stopped Bushy Bourgeois in the second. Sailor Don MacKinnon and Al (Red) Chamberlain fought five torrid rounds with the Sailor catching the eye of the judges.

Jimmy Evans copped a hairline decision over Johnny White in the main event at the Charlottetown Sporting Club, both Evans and White are Charlottetown heavyweights.

In the semi-final Cobey McCluskey, Charlottetown, scored a T.K.O. over Myles Hefferman, New Waterford, in one.

Joe Pyle, New Waterford, stopped Bernie "Ace" McCluskey, Charlottetown, in five seconds of the second, at the Glace Bay Forum. Both are welterweights.

In the semi-final Dick Howard, Halifax, 131, won by a T.K.O. in the first over Isaac Thomas, Pictou, 130.

Sydney's George Ross stopped Joe Vingar, Glace Bay, in the second. Young Tucker, New Waterford, decisioned Thompson Cathcart, Glace Bay.

Terry "Tiger" Warrington, former light-heavy and heavyweight champion of Canada, started along the fistic comeback trail when he decisioned Gordie Grayson, Victoria, British Columbia, in the feature attraction at the Stadacona Gym, Halifax.

Pat Phillips, stiff-socking Saint John middleweight, stopped Larry Clarke, Chester, in the third. Ossie Meikel, Halifax, got the nod over Al Carrol, Ottawa. Henri Pare, Montreal, decisioned Rocky Stevens, Saint John. Stoker Gregory, Toronto, shaded Eric Weagle, Lunenburg. Murray Largford, Halifax, and Al Doucette, Montreal, fought a draw. Bernie Crane, Halifax, decisioned Fred Heindel, Halifax. Doug Wade gained an unpopular decision over Finlay Butler.

Duke Hodd, Saint John, gained a close decision over Bucky Walker, also of Saint John, in the main bout at the Curling Club, St. Stephen, New Brunswick. Both are welterweights. Hodd and Walker slugged each other with everything but the water bucket in eight rounds of steaming action.

Walter Irvine, Saint John, won the decision over "Kid" O'Ree, Fredericton, in the six-round semi-final. "Rocky Mountain" Freenlaw put Slugger Jones to sleep in the first. Artie Davidson won the decision over Henry Dupres in a torrid six-round bout.

Irish Tommy Murray, Montreal, scored a fifth-round knockout over Bobby Magnolo, Quebec, in the main bout at Moncton. The fight was billed as being for the Canadian junior welterweight championship with Magnolo the challenger. Tony Galento, the two-ton heavyweight from Orange, N. J., was the third man in the ring.

Rid Poulten, Charlottetown, stopped Dizzy Doucet, Moncton, in the third. Cobey McCluskey, Charlottetown, and Floyd Hogan, Saint John, battled to a draw. Chinkie Breau, Moncton, shaded K.O. Binns, Charlottetown. Ike Robichaud, Moncton, knocked out Young Beau Jack, Charlottetown. Blaine Hayden, Springhill, drew with Al Laverne, Moncton.

Mickie Kavanagh, 137, New Waterford, scored a T.K.O. over Ted Rumby, 140, New Glasgow, in the main bout at the Strand gym, New Waterford.

Nick Melnick fought a draw with Billy Jones, Indianapolis, on the Willie Pep and Jimmy Joyce show at Minneapolis.

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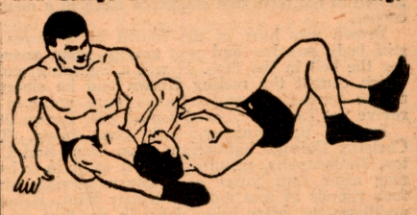

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IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS

By ANTHONY COPPI

INDIANAPOLIS' biggest boxing program in several years was held here on the eve of the annual 500-mile Speedway race. The program was staged by Promoter Lloyd Carter of the Hercules A.C. and was held at the Fairgrounds Coliseum. Three ten-round heavyweight bouts headlined the card.

Buddy Walker, Columbus, O., outweighed twenty pounds, chopped down Abel Cestac, South America, in seven rounds of a gruelling battle scheduled for ten heats. Cestac took the first round but was outboxed by Walker, who has been undefeated here in seven appearances, during the remaining six.

Referee Dick Patton stopped the bout in the seventh when Cestac was bleeding freely from a cut left eye and battered nose and mouth. The giant from the Argentine was game to the core and packed a dangerous punch but lacked the polish of a top flight heavyweight. He weighed 221 pounds; Walker 199½.

Johnny Denson, 195, Indianapolis, in very good form, won a ten-round match against Clayton Worlds, 196, elongated Chicago Negro. The bout was refereed by Jack Dempsey, the ole Manassa Mauler, who tallied his card in favor of Worlds. The two judges voted for the popular local heavy. Denson piled up points in the early rounds with a straight right and left and held his own in the infighting which featured the scrap.

Worlds, with a stinging left jab, had Denson at his mercy in the ninth, but the local lad weathered the storm to emerge the victor in a corking bout. The two have met three times, each holding a victory and one setto was even.

Willard Reed, Indiana heavyweight, knocked out Clarence Brown, Detroit Negro, in 1:52 of the fifth round of their scheduled ten with a left hook under the heart. Brown's mouth was cut in the first round and Reed followed with a flurry of punches to hold a good lead. Brown, however, rallied in the third and staggered Reed in a neutral corner.

Brown was hurt in the fourth by a series of stiff body punches and was groggy when answering the bell in the fifth. It was a lightning punch which caught the reeling Brown and he slumped to the canvas. Several minutes were required to revive the Detroiter. Reed scaled 198, Brown 207.

In the preliminaries, both good bouts, Ted Christie, Chicago lightweight, won from Bud Cottey, Indianapolis, making his first start in a local ring after four years of military service, after four rounds of fast milling. Kenny Vint, Kokomo middleweight, after being down in the first round, won over Leroy Dycus, Indianapolis, in the four-round opener.

Four referees were used on the card. They were: Jack Dempsey, Dick Patton, Roy Rogers and Happy Atherton. Timer, Carl Mattern. Announcer, Tom Miller. Judges, Chris Hankemeier and Anthony Coppi.

Evidence that Indianapolis will return to the front as a major boxing center is proven by the fact that five gymnasiums are in full swing with a good number of promising punchers stationed at each swatorium. Tom Leeper, who recently opened spacious quarters in a downtown spot, has a well equipped plant.

Gene Jackson and Kelse McClure, former local promoter, have opened a new gym at 30th and Illinois St.

In a blistering fight on the last indoor show of the season at the armory, Sparky Reynolds, 147, Indianapolis, won by a decision over Jimmy Joyce, 140, Gary, in a ten-round main go which ended in a state of confusion.

Reynolds dropped Joyce in the fifth and twice in the tenth. At the finish the crowd was on its feet as Joyce, groggy and glassy-eyed, desperately refused to break from his opponent. When his seconds leaped to the apron of the ring, the referee awarded the bout to Reynolds by a T.K.O. Meantime, the bell sounded, and the third man in the ring reversed his decision to the local welterweight on points. Of the ten rounds, Reynolds was the winner in seven, Joyce in two and one was even.

The semi-windup of six rounds was won by Al Johnson, Indianapolis middleweight, by decision over Oscar Hamp, Gary. Hamp made a gallant finish, but the earlier advantage gave the local belter the nod.

Bob Beamon, local lightweight, and Willie Jones, Gary, fought a six-round draw. Kenny Vint, Kokomo middleweight, decisioned Bob Caine, Indianapolis, in four, and Herb Jones decisioned Kenny Raisor in four rounds. These boys are local heavyweights.

Archie Hindman, state athletic commissioner, has announced that Frank Martin of Richmond, Ind., has been named boxing and wrestling promoter for Wayne County. Richmond abandoned promotion of fights and wrestling matches in 1939. This is the third city in Indiana which has reopened its doors to boxing largely through the efforts of Hindman, who is anxious to popularize pro boxing throughout the state. Other towns now operating are Hammond, South Bend, and Ft. Wayne. Prior to the recent appointment of Hindman as state boxing czar, only one city in the Hoosier state was promoting boxing, that being Indianapolis.

RING SCRAPS: Lloyd Carter, local promoter, was a former top-ranking middleweight wrestler hailing from St. Louis. He met such mat standouts as Frank Gotch, Strangler Lewis, Ray Steele, and Farmer Burns. He has been a promoter in Indianapolis thirteen years.

Kenny Tygrett, who fought under the name of Jo-Jo Tiger and was an outstanding amateur bantam and featherweight from Lafayette, Ind., is now employed as a watch electrician at a local power and light plant. . . . The largest indoor crowd ever to watch a boxing match here was in 1930, when Chuck Wiggins met George Cook at Cadle Tabernacle. 8,500 attended.

Tom Leeper has posted a forfeit with the state athletic commission for two of his charges, Johnny Denson or Colion Chaney, to meet Willard Reed for the state heavyweight title. . . . Notes and queries will reach this writer at 1325 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis 3, Ind.

PROFILE: Number twelve in a series of interviews with local fight personalities. . . . Jack Hannabal, chief fight trainer at the Leeper boxing stable, is our subject this month. Hannabal is a former middleweight boxer. During his long boxing career he had 110 pro fights, losing only three, and beating such ring standouts as Young Sam Langford, Jack Blackburn, Young Peter Jackson, Jock Leslie and Christie Williams.

Born in Campbellsville, Ky., and raised in Wichita, Kan., where he first put on the padded mitts, he then moved to Indianapolis and became an outstanding professional football and baseball player. He was a trainer and rubber for one of the World's Champion Negro ABC baseball teams. Hannabal is the father of six boys, five served in World War II, one winning a GI heavyweight championship in France.

Jack now operates a cleaning establishment and is 55 years old. He still holds a soft spot in his heart for the late Chuck Wiggins, whom he considers one of the greatest ever to pull on a glove. While only a youngster Hannabal helped train Jack Dillon and Charlie Olsen, the wrestler. Old time boxing fans claim Jack Hannabal is one of the best trainers in the game today.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

BOBBY McINTIRE, Detroit slugger, lost a close decision to Leo Rodak in ten heats at Youngstown, Ohio. Most fans thought Bobby should have had a draw.

In another ten-rounder, Tommy Woodward, Columbus light-heavyweight, stopped Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh light-heavyweight, in the ninth frame.

Pete Bolos, Detroit, Serbian featherweight, stopped Harry Rose, Huntington, W. Va., in the eighth round at Wheeling on May 6.

Harry Hart, fast-stepping lightweight of Delaware, Ohio, stopped Tommy Gibson of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the sixth. In another sixer, Benny Green of Columbus, a featherweight, lost the duke to hard-hitting Little Bobby Kinder of Huntington, W. Va. Billy Wright, Columbus, lost in a four to Young Vargo of Belaire, Ohio.

Mike Mantia, Dayton promoter, and his capable matchmaker again tried to show the fight fans of the gem city that they really want to give them action, when they staged a slam-bang boxing show on May 8. But again the fans stayed away in droves. Eddie Miller stopped Tiger Joe Harris of Cincinnati, Ohio, in three rounds. In the semi-final, Franky Gilmore, Cincinnati, Ohio, fought a draw with Phil Schwartz in eight. They are middleweights. Harry Hart and Charley Baxter fought eight rounds to a draw. Bob Begley, Dayton heavyweight, won over rolypoly Bob West of Cincinnati, Ohio, in six.

Joe Basco's welterweight, Rudy Zadell, is now in the Army and Jimmy Ainscouth, his other welterweight, is on his way to South America.

Mutt Schwartz, Columbus middleweight, and Billy Jackson the Huntington, W. Va., middleweight, went to an eight-round draw at Huntington on May 13th. Bob Clark, former Pittsburgh, Pa., heavyweight, now in the Army, lost a close decision to Jimmy Howard, Huntington, W. Va., slugger.

Eddie Miller beat Tippy Ramsey at Cincinnati, in ten heats. This is the second time Miller has taken the measure of Ramsey.

An Akron, Ohio, pro show drew 2,147 fans who paid $5,029. In the main go, Lee Savold stopped Bob Garner in the second. The semi-final between Charley Roth and Clarence Jones, heavyweights, ended in a T.K.O. for Roth in the fourth. Two weeks ago Jones stopped Roth in Youngstown, Ohio, in 35 seconds. Dave March, Akron, Ohio, lightweight, kayoed Bobby Reeves of Rochester, New York, in the third.

Eddie Elton stopped Lou Rago, Rochester, New York, in the third. Charley Daniels of Pittsburgh, Pa., stopped Joey Miller of Buffalo, New York, in the first.

Harry Hart, Delaware lightweight, added Freddie Bernhard of Akron, Ohio, to his long string of wins, when he took a unanimous decision from the Rubber City scrapper at Dover in six.

Willie Russell stopped Art Price, Detroit lightweight, at Cincinnati, in four rounds. The fans paid $5700.00 to see the bout.

In the semi-final Clinton Conway stopped Al King, Cleveland, Ohio, in one. Bob Shewmaker, Cincinnati, Ohio, stopped Jimmy Mitchell in three.

Dave Marsh, Akron, Ohio, lightweight, won a ten-round decision over Billy Miller of Alliance, Ohio, at Dover.

Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati's hottest fighter, had little trouble with Archie Moore of St. Louis. Charles was given a unanimous decision over Moore in ten rounds.

Dick Cook also of Cincinnati, Ohio, won over Ossie Peguese, of Youngstown, Ohio, in six. George Abrams, Pittsburgh, won over Johnny Lawson, New York, in ten. Charley Eschman, Cincinnati, won over Pete Spitti of Pittsburgh, in six.

Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, won the duke over Freddie Bernhard of Akron, Ohio. The main go was between Billy Miller and Dave Marsh. The latter was given the duke after eight fast rounds.

Willie Russell stopped Tiger Jackson in two heats at Zanesville, Ohio. Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, surprised the Zanesville fans by taking the measure of the highly touted Murray Sugar Cain of Harlem, New York, in ten rounds.

Johnny Chatman, Buffalo, New York, was stopped by Dave Marsh of Akron, Ohio, in two heats. Charley Roth stopped Jim Conway in one. Chet Martin was given the duke over Mickey Barton of Scranton, Pa., in five heats.

In another five-rounder Freddie Bernhard was given the nod over Sonny Hampton of Buffalo, New York.

Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, won the ten-round decision over Tippy Ramsey of Cincinnati. This was the third meeting of the two slugging middleweights and the tally still shows that Miller is the master.

Iacobucci, Cincinnati, stopped Young Kindler of Huntington, W. Va., in two frames. Gig Jones, hard-hitting light-heavyweight, stopped Jackie Jackson of Huntington, W. Va., in six rounds.

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BOXING IN MAINE
By LINDSEY L. MEADER

HERE are the results of bouts throughout Maine last month.

At Bangor, Al Point, 134, Montreal, stopped Eden Germaine, 134, Springfield, Mass., in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.

Leo Prince, 132, Sherbrooke, P.Q., decisioned Charley Kelley, 130, Boston, in six; Al Wooster, 138, Frankfort, drew with Steve Bellus, 138, Toronto, in four; Bob Varney, 152, Hampden, kayoed Young Green, 152, Bangor, in one; and Henry Scott, 146, Boston, won over Blaine Macomber, 142, Guilford, in four.

Approximately 3200 fans turned out to see Coley Welch kayo Baltimore Jimmy Elliott in the seventh round of a scheduled ten at the Portland Exposition Building. Welch weighed in at 163, Elliott scaled 163½.

A scheduled eight-round semi-final ended abruptly in the third when Al Lewis, 132, Boston, flattened Bobby Pooler, 135½, Portland, with a right cross.

In the four-round prelims, Harry Wong, 147, Portland, kayoed Young Tanguay, 145, Biddeford, in one; Frankie Gato, 138, Portland, knocked out Ray Morris, 135½, Biddeford, in the second; Roy Small, 131, Freeport, drew with Kid Leo, 134, Biddeford; and Flivver McGee, 115, Biddeford, stopped K. O. Blouin, 116, Lewiston, in three.

Young Ted Drew, 151, Lewiston, halted Pat Monihan, 152½, Derry, N. H., in six at Lewiston.

Jimmy Gagnon, 143, Lewiston, defeated Steve Bellus, 137½, Toronto, in eight. Johnny Perkins, 130, Worcester, Mass., won a six-round decision over Charley Kelley, 127½, Toronto; Texas Kid, 145, Portland, outpointed Len Lavoie, 144, Lewiston, in six; and Al Roach, 122, Worcester, Mass., flattened Flivver McGee, 117, Biddeford, in the first round.

At Sanford, Joe Nadeau, 131, Somersworth, N. H., kayoed Babe Leo, 137, Biddeford, in one.

Harry Wong, 150, Portland, flattened Nap James, 147, Biddeford, in the fifth; Young Doyon, 136, Somersworth, won from Jack Dillon, 134, Portland, in four; Omer Grenier, 176, Sanford, stopped Kid Murray, 192, Sanford, in one; and Joe Wilson, 137, Sanford, drew with Bobby May, 146, Portland, in a four-rounder.

Ralph Walton, 142, Montreal, knocked out Buster Beaupre, 146, Burlington, Vt., in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-round main event at Bangor.

In the semi-final, Eddie Turner, 172, Bangor, kayoed Red Brown, 172, Waterville, in two.

The prelims saw Bob Varney, 159, Hampden, kayo Ancil Green, 164, Bangor, in two; Tony Manza, 164, Eddington, stopped Young Strikefoot, 130, Waterville, in the second, and Blaine Macomber, 142, Guilford, decisioned Cal Henry, 145, Bangor, in four.

Maine Welter Champ Eddie Letourneau, 146½, Sanford, scored another quick kayo when he flattened Frankie Young, 151½, New Bedford, Mass., in 34 seconds of the first round of a scheduled eight-round feature at Portland. This was Letourneau's fifth straight kayo victory.

In an eight-round co-feature, Al Lewis, 133, Boston, defeated Al Point, 132, Quebec. Willie Leo, 132, Portland, decisioned Eddie Moran, 133½, Boston, in six.

In four-round prelims, Tony Prince, 134½, Sherbrooke, P.Q., outpointed Eddie Berry, 129, Portland; Al Tanguay, 151, Lewiston, drew with Harry Wong, 147, Portland; and Mickey Dillon, 135, Portland, decisioned Kid Leo, 133½, Biddeford.

Young Ted Drew, 147, Lewiston, knocked out Bert Chisholm, 150, Somersworth, N. H., in three in the feature fray at Augusta.

Jimmy Gagnon, 145, Lewiston, won in six from Young Varney, 150, Bangor. Frankie Merrill, 150, Augusta, drew with Blaine Macomber, 146, Guilford, in six rounds. Bob Pepin, 144, Lewiston, outfought Cliff Babcock, 144, Gardiner, in a four; and Young Green, 150, Bangor, flattened Gil Roy, 150, of Augusta, in one heat.

At Lewiston, Bobby Pooler, 137½, Portland, boxed an eight-round draw with Harry Hintlian, 137, Worcester, Mass.

Vince Carty, 138½, Portland, defeated Leon Leblonde, 138, Lisbon, in six; Al Marquis, 140½, Brunswick, flattened Ray Morris, 135, Biddeford, in two; Bob Pepin, 141½, Lewiston, stopped Larry Barney, 140¼, Waterville, two; and Gil Roy, 126, Waterville, flattened Leo Tracey, 130, Lewiston, in one.

Mickey Burke, 170, Manchester, N. H., kayoed Tony Vitali, 173, Lowell, Mass., in the second round at Sanford.

Al Poltack, 146, Manchester, knocked out Young Tanguay, 148, Biddeford, also in two. Young Perreault, 137, Sanford, whipped Ray Morris, 138, Biddeford, in a four; Kid Veroneau, 131, Springvale, fought a four-round draw with Cliff Bedell, 128, Portland; and Bobby May, 142, Portland, drew with Bobby Howe, 138, Biddeford, in another four.

Bob Nash, 152, Philadelphia, won over Bob Rynne, 155, Lowell, Mass., by a disqualification when Rynne's second jumped into the ring claiming his fighter was hit while down on one knee. The episode took place in the fourth round of a scheduled eight at Bangor.

In the semi-final, Freddie Luce, 150, Boston, knocked out Dick Villeneuve, 150, Berlin, N. H., in the fifth. In preliminary tussles, Wendell Gallant, 168, Skowhegan, kayoed Tony Manza, 170, Eddington, in one; Blaine Macomber, 144, Guilford, halted Dick Tanguay, 146, Lewiston, in two; and John Bouiford, 132, Quebec City, finished Virgil Crook, 136, Bangor, in the second.

Al Michaud, 145, Lisbon, knocked out Bobby Pooler, 140, Portland, in one round at Brunswick.

Al Tanguay, 145, Lewiston, vanquished Al Marquis, 143, Brunswick, in six; Maurice Beauchene, 144, Portland, flattened Buddy Labbe, 139, Lewiston, in one; Bob Paradis, 143, Brunswick, stopped Tony Tanguay, 145, Lewiston, in two; and Johnny Boufford, 127, Quebec City, outpointed Chick Cloutier, 126, Brunswick, in four, in supporting bouts.

At Old Town, Johnny Campbell, Brewer, won over Al Wooster, Frankfort, in six rounds.

In scheduled four-round prelims, Wendell Gallant, Skowhegan, outpointed Johnny Ever, Old Town; Blaine Macomber, Guilford, kayoed Eddie George, Waterville, in one; Eddie Turner, Bangor, flattened Ancil Green, Bangor, in one; and Young Comeau, Old Town, knocked out Pee Wee Sharkey, Waterville, in one.

At Lewiston, Al Michaud, 146½, Lisbon, scored his second win within a week when he defeated Young Ted Drew, 150½, Lewiston in eight rounds.

Leon Leblonde, 139½, Lisbon, decisioned Steve Bellus, 137½, Boston, in an eight-round semi-final. Maurice Beauchene, 137½, Brunswick, flattened Johnny Thomas, 140, Portland, in the first. Billy Bernier, 135, Lewiston, stopped Bert Tracey, 130½, Brunswick, in three; Bob Pepin, 139, Lewiston, drew with Ray Morris, 135½, Biddeford, in four.

Al Smith, 134, Boston, flattened Kayo Mushrow, 130, Portland, in three heats at Sanford.

Jackie Cole, 142, Boston, knocked out Flash Soulard, 146, Biddeford, in four; Young Perreault, 135, Sanford, kayoed Ray Morris, 139, Biddeford, two; Young Socko, 137, Boston, knocked out Bobby Kearns, 136, Biddeford, three; Don Berry, 135, Portland, won from Bob Howe, 139, Biddeford, in a four spot.

Jimmy Mulligan, 170, Lowell, Mass., stopped Nick Torres, 168, Puerto Rico, in three rounds at Bangor.

Steve Bellus, 137, Toronto, outpointed Johnny O'Keefe, 132, Brooklyn, in a six spot. Eddie Turner, 172, Bangor, knocked out Kayo Brown, 166, Pittsfield, in one; Wendell Gallant, 172, Skowhegan, flattened Young Monk, 172, Pittsfield, also in one. A bout between Dick Shaw, 157, Bangor, and Rollie Hunt, 165, Skowhegan, was declared no contest at the end of three.

Ringwise Billy Tordiglione, 146½, Boston, bobbed and weaved his way to a split decision over Eddie Letourneau, 146, Sanford, in a ten-rounder at the Portland Exposition Building.

In the six-round semi-final, Johnny Boufford, 130, Quebec, outpointed Ivan Jones, 125, Portland.

The prelims saw Phil Gardner, 153, Portland, kayo Al Tanguay, 154, Lewiston, in one; Gabby Paul, 134, Biddeford, outpointed Mickey Dillon, 134, Portland, in a four; Steve O'Reilly, 155, Portland, drew with Bob Emery, 163, West Buxton, in four; and Cliff Bedell, 125, Portland, beat Young Morris, 126, Biddeford, in four rounds.

At Sanford, Al Smith, 130, Boston, decisioned Johnny Boufford, 126, Quebec, in six rounds.

Jackie Smallwood, 136, Boston, licked Tony Prince, 135, Sherbrooke, P.Q., in a sixer. Al Tanguay, 143, Lewiston, kayoed Ray Morris, 138, Biddeford, in two; Young Socko, 137, Boston, stopped Bob Roberts, 136, Biddeford, in three; and Jack Parades, 142, Portland, halted Young Vermette, 141, Biddeford, in the third canto.

Billy Lancaster, 161, Portland, won a split decision over Maurice Cloutier, 159, Manchester, N. H., in eight rounds at Portland. Walter Keene, 145, Manchester, kayoed Buddy Labbe, 140, Lewiston, in the third of a scheduled eight-round semi-final.

Johnny Thomas, 142, Portland, kayoed Jack Nault, 148, Biddeford, in four rounds and in other bouts, Ivan Jones, 124, Portland, won from Ed Comiskey, 126, Lisbon, in a four, while Gabby Paul, 134, Saco, drew with Babe Saucier, 133, Brunswick, over the same route.

Gabby Poulin, 145, New Britain, Conn., returned to his old home town to hand Maine Welter Champ Eddie Letourneau, 146, Sanford, a sound lacing in eight rounds at Augusta.

In scheduled six rounders, Tony Bellevance, 118, Augusta, stopped Sliver McGee, 116, Biddeford, in one; and Art Wooster, 146, Rockland, flattened Jack Neault, 148, Biddeford, in the first.

Leo Bellevance, 114, Augusta, stopped Young Jerry, 114, Biddeford, in one round while Nap James, 144, Biddeford, also scored a one-round kayo over Cliff Babcock, 140, Gardiner.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There are no more copies of "The Boston Strong Boy," the story of John L. Sullivan, to be had. All have been sold. Do not send for this book.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

CARMAN DEJOHN, engaging in his first start since Ruben Shank snapped his long winning streak, hopped over to Youngstown, O., and remained long enough to stiffen Leroy Scales, 170, of Chicago, in the fourth round of a scheduled ten-round windup.

Cliff Hart, 154¾, Syracuse Golden Gloves and Army boxing star, lost a fourth-round technical kayo to Rudy Turner, 159½, at Buffalo.

Vinnie Vines, 156½, Schenectady, beat Oscar Boyd, 162, Buffalo, in ten rounds at the Erie Boulevard Arena on June 7.

Binghamton now has two professional boxing clubs, with the granting of a fistic franchise by the State Athletic Commission to the Enjole A. C. of Johnson City. Jimmy Dennis, former boxer, is the head of the new club, in partnership with Mickey Barno, his one-time manager. Lloyd Welsh operates the Kalurah Temple A. C.

Pete Provenzano, popular young Rochester boxing promoter, dropped dead of a heart attack in the Flower City last month.

Charley Hayes, 164½, Detroit, won easily over Eddie Saunders, 159, New York, in a dull eight-round star bout at Binghamton's Kalurah Temple on May 8.

Shamus McCrea, 143, Cleveland, decisioned Stanley Millers, 147, Ozone Park, L. I., in the six-round semi-final, the best bout of the night. Aster Rice, 142, Binghamton, kayoed Davey Garcia, 142, Puerto Rico, in 2:10 of the first.

Other bouts: Jackie Taylor, 130½, Binghamton, halted Luis Rivera, 134, Puerto Rico, in the fifth. Billy Brent, 146, Syracuse, beat Baudelio Valencia, 161½, Mexico, in a six. Hal Braithwaite, 157, Syracuse, scored a T.K.O. over Andy Hetland, 156½, Scranton, in 2:45 of the fourth.

At Bingamton, May 22, Sam Baroudi, 161, New York, stopped Billy Carrigan, 161, Baltimore, in six. Len Taglia, Bushy Graham's very classy young phenom whipped Johnny Sheppard, veteran Cleveland ace, in the six-round semi. Taglia scaled 153½, Sheppard, 150. Len Serlano, Schenectady, beat Billy Carroll, Montreal, 128-pounders, in a six. Carmen Sipello, 155, Albany, shaded Billy Brent, 157, Syracuse, in six. Johnny Sudar, 175, Endicott, beat Billy Bueford, 176, Des Moines, in six. Paul Bradshaw, 157½, Scranton, knocked out Hal Braithwaite, 157, Syracuse, in the fourth.

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IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

THIS writer recently received word from Washington State's Governor Mon C. Wallgren, stating that some satisfactory solution will be sought to release the State's Armories for professional boxing shows. . . . Paulie Cook, Tacoma's hard-punching 130-pounder, is about the busiest little mitt slinger in the Pacific Northwest. Win, lose, or draw, Cook's services are constantly in demand.

Dave Davey, Tacoma's 17-year-old 185-pound youngster, is coming along nicely.

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Frankie "Chee Chee" Britt, a great little featherweight twenty-five years ago around the Northwest, is on the jaunt with Tacoma boxers who are showing on cards about the State. Frankie in his prime, fought Tod Morgan, Doc Snell, Earl Baird, Joe Gorman, and many other of the good ones of that day. Britt supervises the training end of things in the Amundsen gym. Joe Martin, Vancouver British Columbia manager of boxers, keeps his attractive stable of ringmen busy around the Northwest fight spots. Martin has a scrappy little 117-pound fellow in Jackie Turner. Turner recently won the Northwest Bantamweight title in a win over Joe Clemo of Portland, Oregon. This bout was fought in Tacoma, and the championship belt was donated the winner by the Tacoma *Times* Publishing Co.

Davey Ward, perhaps the Pacific Northwest's best 140-pounder, is training hard in the Amundsen quarters. Johnny Babnick, mentor of Wayne Parker, heavy-handed Puyallup 160-pounder, is bringing young Parker along in good style.

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

JOHN W. MONTGOMERY of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, has recently been appointed to the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission by Governor Edward Martin. Commissioner Montgomery thus fills the vacancy created by the death of the late Mattie Bain of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, who died last fall.

Jimmy Miller, boxing writer of the Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph*, is back at his old ringside stand after a lengthy stay in the hospital. He claims to be in fine shape and is thinking of taking on Joe Louis—at golf.

Joe Brusco is the new matchmaker at Fritzie Zivic's Hickey Park Arena. Brusco, former fighter and manager of Carmen Notch and Sammy Parrotta, knows his way around in the boxing business, and should come up with some good matches for the local outdoor arena.

Since the Dapper Dan Club sponsored the local Golden Gloves tournament last February the town has become amateur boxing conscious. The champions in every division are being kept busy all over Metropolitan Pittsburgh.

Juste Fontaine journeyed to his home town, Milwaukee, in April and was knocked out in the seventh round by Doll Rafferty.

The Gardens and the Aragon, local indoor arenas, have called it a season. Forbes Field and Hickey Park will be used for the summer months.

Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati light-heavyweight, displayed much of his pre-war form in winning the unanimous decision over Archie Moore of San Diego, in the feature attraction of the initial outdoor boxing show at Forbes Field.

Moore entered the ring with N.B.A. recognition as the leading contender for the light-heavyweight crown, but only occasionally did he display the form that earned him such prestige. A flashing left hook and a hard right cross looked like they would have done considerable damage to a less worthy opponent, but they didn't seem to faze the busy Ezzard who blocked, jabbed and hooked in a very aggressive manner. Constantly boring in, Ezzard's razor-sharp left hook staggered his highly touted adversary time and again, and in the eighth round it landed flush on the jaw flooring Moore for a nine count. Moore back-pedalled for most of the bout, and when he did stand his ground to slug it out, Charles invariably chalked up the most points.

That the officials agreed is evident in their verdict. Both judges voted nine rounds for Charles, one round for Moore, while Referee Ernie Sesto voted all ten rounds for Charles. Ezzard Charles weighed 171; Archie Moore, 174.

In another ten-rounder Georgie Abrams, 164, Washington, D. C., making his first appearance in four years, having been in the service, easily won the unanimous decision over Johnny Lawer, 163, Cleveland, Ohio.

Abrams, a little rusty from his long lay-off, showed that he still possesses enough ring savvy to put him back among the topnotchers of the middleweight division.

Charley Eschman, 151, Cincinnati, Ohio, counterpunched his way to the unanimous decision over Pete Spotti, 152, Cecil, Pennsylvania, in a six-rounder. Spotti tried hard, but found it difficult to mix-it with the taller, rangier and plenty game Eschman. In another six-rounder Dick Cook, 131, Cincinnati, Ohio, won the unanimous decision over Ossie Peguese, 130, Youngstown, Ohio. Cook is a classy little fighter with a bag of tricks. Repeatedly he outsmarted Peguese by his general ringmanship. Peguese in defeat was far from disgraced, since he kept on trying up to the final bell.

In the opening bout scheduled for four rounds, Joe Mason, 207, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, knocked out George Hubert, 183, Neville Island, Pennsylvania, in one minute 35 seconds of round two. Mason, a hard puncher, dropped Hubert three times in the second round for counts of nine.

A six-rounder between middleweights Charley Banks and Johnny Clark, scheduled to go on after the feature attraction, was cancelled by Boxing Commissioner John Montgomery when a heavy rain made the canvas hazardous.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

JOE LEGON, Cuba's welter king, scored an easy ten-round decision over Kid Azteca of Mexico, at the Sports Palace. Azteca was given an artistic pasting, and only had Legon in trouble in the tenth round.

Baby Coullimber, Cuba's ex-lightweight champion, won the semi-final from Brilliant Kid, in an interesting contest. Coullimber put up a real tough argument and his left hook caused havoc to the highly touted Brilliant Kid. Referee Johnny Cruz halted the bout in the third round.

Luis Godoy, who just got back from a business trip to Caracas, Venezuela, promoted the Legon-Aztec card, which was a sell out. Godoy also promoted the Jorge Robles-Armando Puenti Pi fight.

In the main event Jorge Robles, Mexican featherweight who packs a hefty wallop, outpointed Armando Puenti Pi of Cuba in ten rounds. The Cuban lad boxed cleverly, but Robles' aggressiveness and punch won the judges' decision for the Mexican chamaco.

Robert Aguilera, Cuban welter, won the semi-final ten from Jesus Vila. Aguilera floored Vila in the second round with a hard left to the jaw.

Wilfredo Miro, corking local featherweight, scored a two-round knockout over Louy Diaz. Jorge Sanchez and Ramon Rodriguez, lightweights, drew in four. Damaso Collazo, featherweight, won from Francisco Castaneda in six rounds.

Miguel Acevedo, Cuban featherweight champion, went to Caracas, Venezuela, to fight Torpedo Calles. Acevedo won without a doubt, but the judges' decision went to Calles. Cuban promoters offered the Caracas fighter a return fight here in Havana but he turned the offer down. Looks like Calles knows what's good for him.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

EDDIE SMITH, Rochester drawing card, fooled the smart boys again by defeating the highly-rated Tommy Rotolo in a ten-round decision. Rotolo won the first four rounds, but Smith came back strong in the last six rounds. In the preliminaries Johnny (Slam Bang) Rowe of Rochester won by K.O. over Glenn Massey of Buffalo in fourth round. A left hook to the stomach did the trick. George Teague, Buffalo, won over Frankie Cordino of Toronto in six. Smoky Robinson won over Art Terryo by a K.O. in three. Joe Miller won over Allie Wolfe in six. Joey Paul and Armand DiMattle of Syracuse fought four rounds to a draw.

The Elks have closed their doors for the summer with a good amateur card that featured Ross Virgo of Rochester and Johnny Christopher of Cleveland. Virgo won by a kayo in two rounds, making it fifteen in a row.

Other amateur bouts: LeRoy Koeth, Cleveland, won over Charlie Banks in five rounds. Cal Lowman won over George Kolarick in five rounds. Joe Sauer won over George Moss in five rounds. Charles Cammarato won over Jay Widener in three. Oliver Phillips won over Art Fischer in two. Don Schultz won over Norm Ferrucci in three. Rip Huff won over Tony DiPolino in three. Ross Virgo kayoed Oliver Phillips in two. Freddy Baia won over George Moss in five. Whid Little won over Artie Olson in five. Johnny Hall won over Frank Piccolo in four. Walter Holt won over Bernie DeSoye in one. Bill Foley won over Jim Howells in two. Joe Phillips won over Tony DiPolino in three. Norm Ferrucci won over Carman Miller in three. Vince Karnoth won over Pete Fratello in three. Billy Foley kayoed Jimmy Brown in two rounds.

Art Farrell, matchmaker at Dansville, opened his outdoor amateur fights with Ross Virgo fighting Oliver Phillips in the main five rounder. Virgo stopped Phillips in the second making it 16 in a row for Virgo. In the semi-final Foley won over Joey Brown in a five-round decision.

Tommy Rotolo of Rome, N. Y., was the winner by a technical knockout in the eighth over Pat Scanlon, when the latter's eye was tightly closed. In the semi-final, Irish Johnny Rowe of Rochester stopped Al Baldisano of Buffalo in the second. Other results: Oscar Boyed, Rochester, won over Nelson Hawkins of Cleveland by a T.K.O. in four. Harold Braithwaite won over Vic Grenan in three. Wayne Chancey won over Jeff Clanton in four. Alex Bogus and Thomas McCrea fought six to a draw.

Fighters, amateur or pro, wishing to show in and around Rochester, will do well by writing me at 103 S. Union St., Rochester, N. Y. You can get your RING at the corner of Main and Clinton on the first of each month.

FROM TRINIDAD, B.W.I.
By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

PROMOTER GEORGE WHITEHEAD staged a top boxing card at the Mucurapo Stadium. One of the largest crowds ever to enter the stadium, paid to see Gentle Daniel, light-heavyweight champion of the British West Indies, score a popular decision over Carlos Perez, middleweight champion of Santo Domingo and Central America, in a very tame ten-round feature. Both boxers scaled 164 pounds.

In the semi-final, which was the best fight of the night, Clive "Baby Face" Daniel, bantamweight, displayed his wares in scoring a popular decision over Don Gibbons in eight rounds. "Baby Face" received his first defeat at the hands of the experienced Gibbons. Gibbons was down four times. "Baby Face" weighed 115½ and Gibbons 117.

In a six-rounder, Young Fearless Freddie, son of the famous Freddie of some years ago, kayoed Joe Gans of Barbados in the second. Gans weighed 124½ pounds and Freddie 127 pounds.

In the opening bout, Bob Lincoln, 180, kayoed Oswald Byer, 176, in the third.